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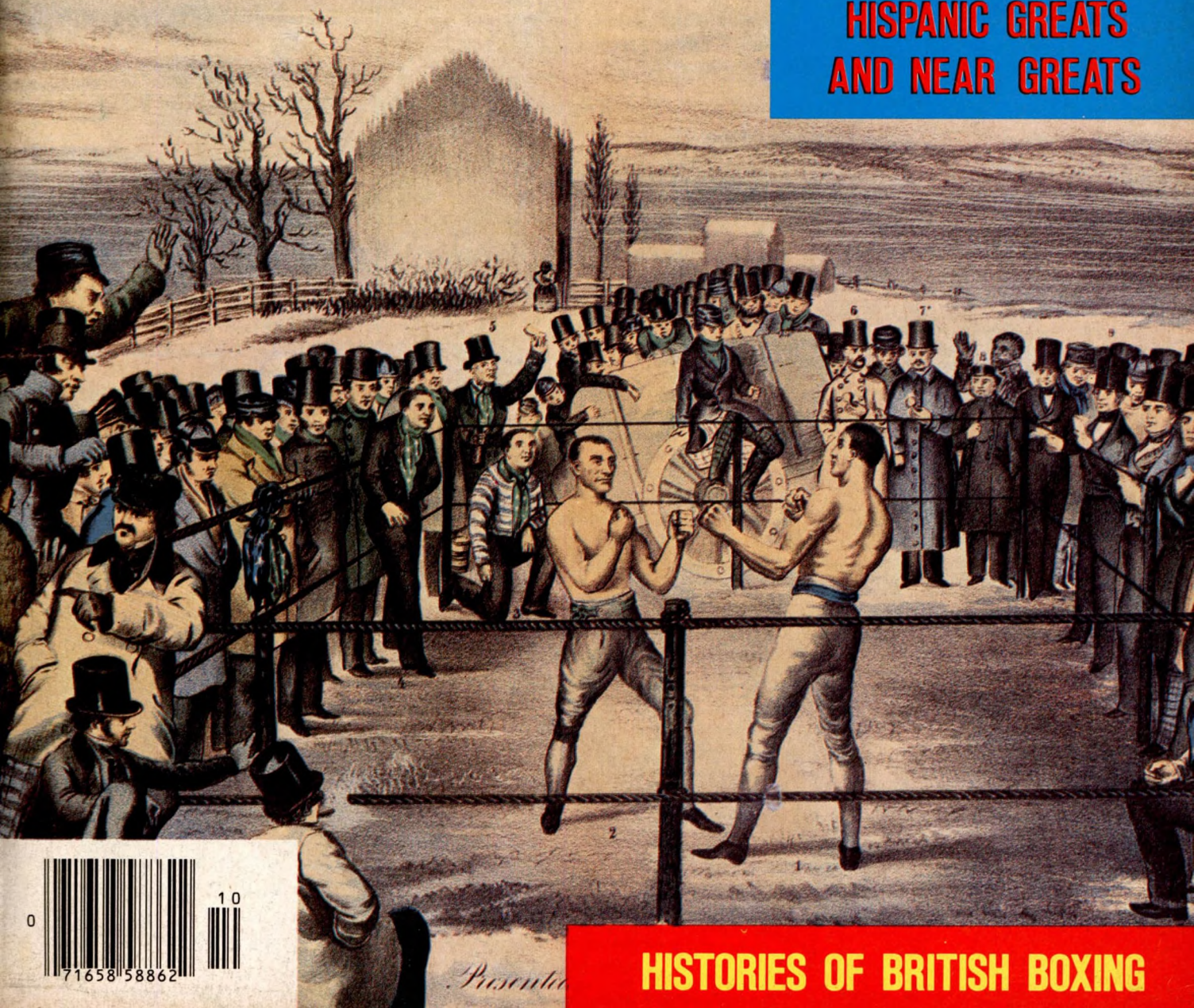

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

SPECULATION relative to the future of the heavyweight division with the announced declaration of Muhammad Ali to retire after his bout with the heavyweight champion of the world, Leon Spinks, runs in all directions and for the most part to extremes.

Many feel that with the retirement of Ali boxing will take on a new look and will flourish since the public is tired of the same old act by the master showman, Ali. Those in this theatre of expression obviously include that segment of the boxing public, who, for one reason or another, hold a personal dislike of the all-time great, Ali. To discount so casually the input achieved by Ali is extreme. That he will be missed as an active participant needs no comment. And his retirement is sure not going to be an infusion into the heavyweight division of new or renewed interest.

On the other side of the ledger are the weepers who write off the heavyweight division with the end of an era in boxing—the hanging up of Ali's gloves.

This attitude is far out and one has only to go back into the history of the heavyweights to see the lie that remains under this observation. With the retirement of every heavyweight champion of note there has always been the bleating that the division was doomed to a dismal future. As far back as Jim Jeffries, who retired because he ran out of men to fight back in 1905, there were those who played the role of "Calamity Jane" but as has always occurred, after the reign of Tommy Burns, along came Jack Johnson and we would all admit his reign held sufficient excitement for any boxing buff. The polorization of parts of the sporting public made for controversy that caused the division to thrive with those who lived to see Johnson smashed and those who recognized him as a great champion and stayed away of his personal life.

When Dempsey left the ring wars, the same hue and cry was heard . . . there would never be another Dempsey. Well, there wasn't, but there have been many more heavyweight champions to reach the heights in popularity with the fans in different ways, different words, different styles.

Was Joe Louis any the lesser? To mention but a few who held the heavyweight class at the top of the sports ladder, how about Rocky Marciano, Floyd Patterson, Sonny Liston *et al*? And who is to say that win, lose or draw, Spinks won't become another star of his division? He certainly comes to fight and gives the fans their money's worth.

Much like the coming of Spinks, whenever the heavyweight division has been in dire need, a young man has come along to pick up the loose pieces and carry the heavyweight escutcheon to new glories.

So forget the extremes. The heavyweights may have a champ who is something less than Ali in public popularity and something more than expected by the weepers. But be assured that the king of the heavies will be present and presiding with business going on as usual.

There is the old cliche "that as the heavyweights go, so goes boxing." Partially true, but in this day of exposure by television of all the classes in boxing, it is sure that the public will develop a following of other classes that was never before achievable.

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REP. BEARD TO INTRODUCE BILL FOR FEDERAL BOXING COMMISSION

By ED SCULLEN

Congressman Ed Beard poses with a picture of himself and Rocky Marciano, an old friend. The pen attached to the photo was the one that Rocky used to autograph the picture.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Boxing and government have a long history of poor relations. From the days of the fairground matches in Eighteenth Century England, through the introduction of the Marquis of Queensbury rules, down to the present day, authorities have generally looked down on the manly art.

But all this could change if thirty-eight-year-old Congressman Ed Beard (D-R.I.) has his way. The Congressman is a former amateur and professional boxer who knows the ring sport inside out and what he is proposing is no less than a Federal Boxing Commission.

"My office staff has researched the rules of several boxing commissions—and there's just no uniformity of rules at all," said Beard in a recent interview conducted in his offices. "With boxing becoming a multi-million dollar business there's a need for some general regulation that will protect everyone from the boxer to the public."

How many of us, deeply involved in the ring sport, can only say Amen to Beard's views?

Beard's proposed boxing bill will likely be submitted to the Congress in January, 1979 . . . a number of lengthy summer recesses and Beard's own campaign for a third term preclude any chance of earlier introduction.

The boxing bill is actually a re-write of a bill introduced four years ago by Representative Frank Clark (D-Pa.). The idea for federal control of boxing was largely given to Clark by veteran Washington manager Chris Cline. Now, on the second go-round for a federal boxing bill, it is 59-year-old Cline who was instrumental in advising Beard.

Cline was one of several managers accused of falsified records and shady dealings in the now-defunct U.S. Boxing Championships run by ABC-TV with assistance from *The Ring*. But when the much ballyhooed federal and private investigations of the tournament ran their course, Cline and all others involved received a clean bill of health.

Asked about Ring's alleged involvement in the tournament and subsequent negative publicity, Beard responded positively. "The reputation of *Ring* Magazine is sky high with me, it always has been. *Ring* has always been the most authoritative source in boxing for fighters, managers, promoters and anyone interested in the

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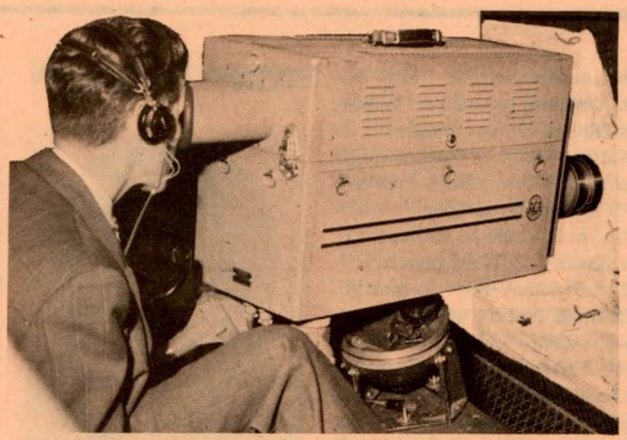
Three local boxing men, Vince Calla, attorney Joe Finlayson, and Chris Cline, who are fully behind the proposed National Boxing Commission.

This was how Ed Beard appeared in the heyday of his amateur boxing career in the early 1960s.

T.V. Heroes of The GOLDEN FIFTIES

WHO were some of the television stars of the 50's? *The Ring* fans gave us some of their opinions back in those days and we are listing the top twelve of the most popular leaving out the champions. In addition, we are giving you many of the top video attractions and some highlights on them so that you can go down memory lane.

When you have finished we would be happy to have you let us know who you feel are the top twelve fighters who you have seen within the last two years. Who are today's stars besides Muhammad Ali?



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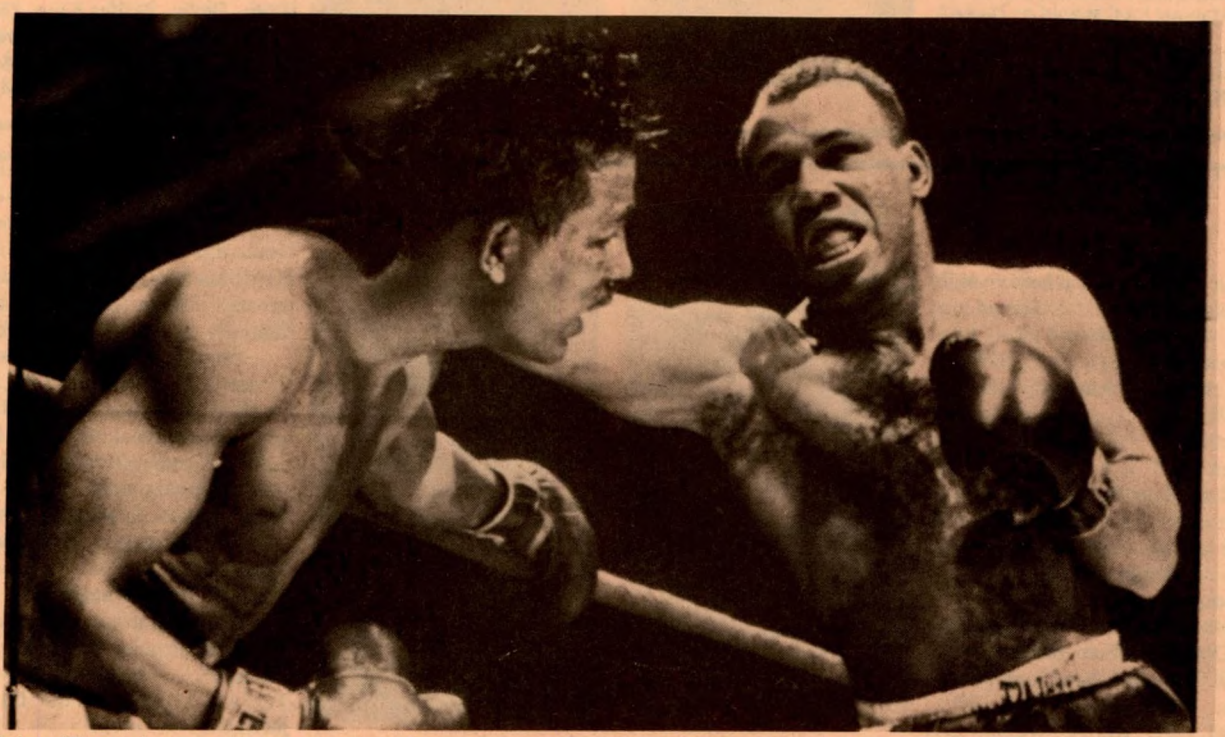


Ralph (Tiger) Jones, left, seen on television more than any other fighter in the 1950s, is seen here defeating former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson in ten rounds in Chicago, January 19, 1955.

AL ANDREWS

Was a fast rising young middleweight . . . In his early 20's . . . Started to box while in the Army . . . Former Fifth Army Middleweight Champion . . . Born and lived in Superior, Wisconsin . . . Made pro debut in July 1952 . . . Defeated Chuck Davey twice, Pat Manzi, Eddie Simms, Pat Lowry, Chuck Foster, Claude Hammond, Johnny Brown . . . Made bit hit in National TV debut by upsetting Chuck Davey . . . Fast-action fighter . . . Rated a fine prospect . . . One of the most active fighters of the middle 50's . . . His first fight with Davey drew the largest crowd — 11,089 — to a sporting event in history of Saginaw and receipts were a record $42,066.

TOTAL: 65, KO7, WD19, D5, LD29, KOBY 5

ART ARAGON

"The Golden Boy" . . . Pride of Los Angeles, Cal. . . . Born November 13, 1927, Belen, N.M. . . . Married, two children, one boy, one girl . . . Turned pro 1944 . . . One of the leading welter contenders . . . Failed to win lightweight crown from Jimmy Carter in 1951 . . . it was first bout ever televised from Pacific coast to the east.

Fast boxer . . . kayo puncher . . . has scored 15 one-round kayos . . . A rough and ready fighter . . . Played in a number of movies, among which were "The Ring," and "Off Limits" . . . Kayoed Henry Davis, Phil Kim, Enrique Bolanos, etc.

Seen on Pacific Coast TV many times . . .

TOTAL: 114, KO61, WD28, D6, LD16, KOBY 3

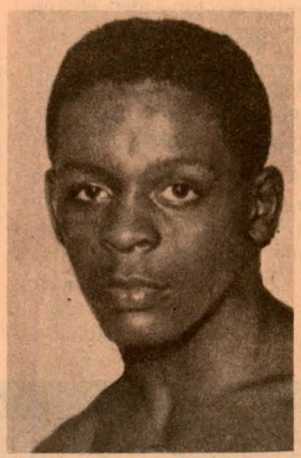
TONY ANTHONY

Former amateur star . . . Had outstanding amateur record . . . Winner of four Golden Gloves amateur titles . . . National A.A.U. welterweight champion 1952 . . . Born February 6, 1935 in New York City . . . 6′1″ tall . . . real name is Ernest . . . Clever boxer . . . Hard puncher.

Called the "new Ray Robinson" . . . Learned to box at the famous Salem-Crescent A.C. in New York City . . . Tall and lean . . . Grew into a light heavyweight . . . Rated one of the best young prospects . . . Defeated Jimmy Champange, Henry (Kid) Lee, Jose Contreras, Joe Shaw, Eddie Dixon, Al Warner, Godron Perry . . .

TOTAL: 51, KO30, WD11, D1, LD2, KOBY 7

GEORGE ARAUJO



Fistic pride of New England . . . Started boxing in C.Y.O. . . . Born in Providence, R.I., May 1931 . . . Was the New England amateur featherweight champion . . . New England pro featherweight and lightweight champion . . . Put up great fight in losing bid to win lightweight title from Jimmy Carter . . . Height 5 ft. 5½ inches . . . Classy boxer . . . good left hook . . .

Won over featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, Paddy DeMarco, Henry Davis, Arthur King, Georgie Dunn, Teddy Davis, Joe Brown . . .

TOTAL: 70, KO33, WD25, D1, LD5, KOBY 4 EXHIB 2

BOB BAKER

Golden Gloves national heavyweight champion in 1949 . . . Served two years in the Navy . . . Born Canonsburg, Pa., October 1928 . . . Only child . . . Married, has son, Bob, Jr. . . . Lives in Pittsburgh's East Side . . . Worked as rug cleaner.

Lost 1 amateur fight . . . Started as pro in 1949 . . . Fought 26 bouts before losing . . . Good boxer for big man . . . Height 6 ft. 2 inches . . . 215 pounds . . . Hard puncher . . . Trouble with brittle hands . . . Beat Bill Gilliam, Cesar Brion, Jimmy Bivins, Omelio Agramonte, Nino Valdes, among others . . .

TOTAL: 67, KO20, WD30, D1, LD13, KOBY 3

WES BASCOM

Hard socking light heavyweight threat . . . Born Tuskegee, Alabama February 7, 1929 . . . Six feet tall . . . started to box at St. Paul's Social Center in East St. Louis, Ill., where he lived with family . . . National and International Golden Gloves light heavyweight champion in 1949 . . . Worked as mail carrier . . . Fine boxer . . . Made pro bow July 1950 . . . fought main bout in seventh fight . . .

Defeated Larry Watson, Bob Satterfield, Nick Barone, Watson Jones . . . Fought great fight with Ezzard Charles . . . Likes baseball.

TOTAL: 27, KO9, WD7, D1, LD7, KOBY 3

PERCY BASSETT

Was the N.B.A. Interim world's featherweight champion . . . "Little Mr. Perpetual Motion" . . . Had impressive amateur record . . . Diamond Belt bantamweight title, 1947 . . . Born 1928 . . . Married, lives in Philadelphia . . . Made pro debut July, 1947.

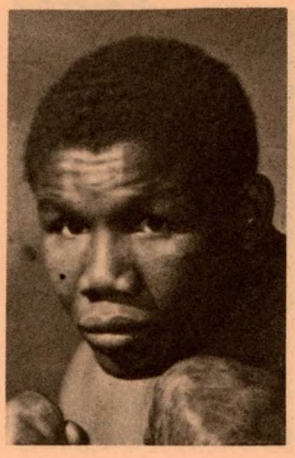
Won "Interim title" by knocking out Ray Famechon in Paris . . . Crowd pleaser.

Defeated lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, Teddy Davis, Charley Riley, Orlando Zulueta . . .

Bassett started boxing in the West Philadelphia Boys' Club and was the outstanding amateur in Philadelphia in 1947 . . . He never seemed to stop punching.

TOTAL: 17, KO41, WD23, D1, LD10, KOBY 2

JIMMY BIVINS



Has been rated among the world's leading boxers for more than a decade . . . Started boxing while in high school . . . Outstanding student . . . Fine athlete . . . Likes swimming . . . Was National A.A.U. middleweight champion in 1939.

Knocked out Joey Maxim in amateurs . . . Married and has two children . . . Served in U.S. Army during World War II . . . Born in Cleveland, Ohio, 1920 . . . Started pro career in 1940 as a middleweight Fine boxer . . . good right hand puncher . . . Fought 10 world's champions . . . Never had a title fight . . . Holds wins over Gus Lesnevich, Billy Soose, Archie Moore, Ezzard Charles, Joey Maxim . . . Rated No. 1 contender 1942-46.

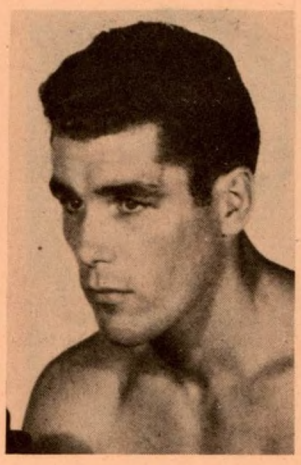
TOTAL: 113, KO31, WD55, D1, LD20, KOBY 5 EXHB 1

DAN BUCCERONI

Born Philadelphia, Pa., December, 1927 . . . One of seven children . . . Unbeaten in 40 amateur bouts . . . Started boxing in Navy . . . Served two years . . . was boxing instructor at Great Lakes Naval Training Station . . . In 1947 was All Navy, National, International, 175 pound Golden Gloves champion . . . Turned pro November, 1947 . . . Outstanding wins: Roland LaStarza, Rocky Jones, Danny Nardico, Tommy Harrison . . . Called the "Butcher Boy" . . . Height 6 ft. 2 inches . . . dark curly hair . . . Played handball to keep in trim . . . likes dancing . . . Studied to be a plumber . . . Hard right hand puncher.

TOTAL: 52, KO30, WD16, D0, LD4, KOBY 2

WALTER CARTIER

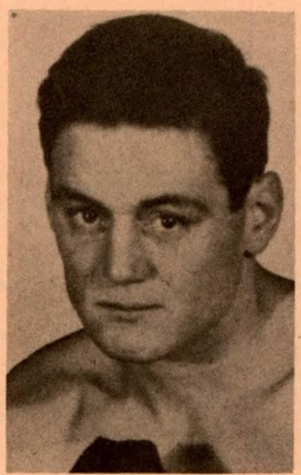


Clever and hard punching middleweight . . . Served two years in the Navy . . . Managed by twin brother Vincent, who is a lawyer . . . Father Charles was a professional boxer following World War I . . . Born, New York City March 29, 1924 . . . Did some boxing while in service . . . Made pro start in 1946 . . . Has been outpointed only thrice . . . Lost on a disputed foul to Randy Turpin . . . Defeated Gene Hairston, Joe Rindone, Billy Kilgore . . . drew with Pierre Langlois . . . Always a threat with his kayo punch.

He played baseball, football and basketball on high school teams and was an outstanding tumbler.

TOTAL: 58, KO23, WD21, D2, LD3, L-DISQ1, KOBY 8

ROCKY CASTELLANI



Born in Luzerne, Pa., May, 1927 . . . Now lives in Cleveland, Ohio . . . one of five children . . . Played basketball and football in high school . . . Married and has one child . . . Two and a half years in Marines . . . Iwo Jima, China, Guam . . . Seventh Fleet middleweight champion . . . "Rookie of The Year" in 1949.

Clever boxer . . . Wins over Pierre Langlois, Johnny Bratton, Ernie Durando, Walter Cartier, Joe Giardello, Ralph Jones, Gene Hairston . . . Drew with Billy Graham . . . A contender for middleweight title.

First name is Attilio . . . He was a terrific drawing card in the coal mining regions . . . Despite his few knockouts he was a dangerous hitter, particularly when hurt . . . Rocky hit in fast combinations.

TOTAL: 82, KO16, WD49, D4, LD10, KOBY 3

EDDIE CHAVEZ

Fast clever puncher . . . Rated among the best lightweights in action . . . Older brother Tony was leading lightweight . . . Of Mexican descent . . . One of 14 children . . . Born San Jose, Cal. . . . November 20, 1930 . . . Height 5 ft. 6½ inches . . . Crew cut, black hair. Started boxing as an amateur bantamweight . . . Won Diamond Belt, Golden Gloves and A.A.U. 126 pound titles in 1947 . . . Had first pro fight in December 1948 . . . Beat lightweight champion Jimmy Carter in non-title bout . . . Very popular on West Coast . . .

TOTAL: 70, KO17, WD39, D3, LD7, KOBY 4

CHUCK DAVEY

TV's glamor boy . . . Michigan State grad . . . Collegiate Featherweight Champion, 1943-48, Welter Champion, 1949 . . . Outstanding College Fighter, 1947-48-49 . . . Three years Air Force, World War II . . . Discharged as a Captain . . . Married nurse he met after injuring eye in the Graziano fight.

A clever southpaw . . . good body puncher and defensive boxer . . . Born Detroit . . . in October 1925 . . . Height 5 ft. 9 inches . . . Reddish blond curly hair . . . Lost welterweight title fight to Kid Gavilan . . . Defeated Ike Williams, Chico Vejar, Rocky Graziano, Sammy Giuliani, Carmen Basilio, Chuck Taylor, Fitzie Pruden. . . . A national TV favorite.

TOTAL: 49, KO26, WD16, D2, LD3, KOBY 2

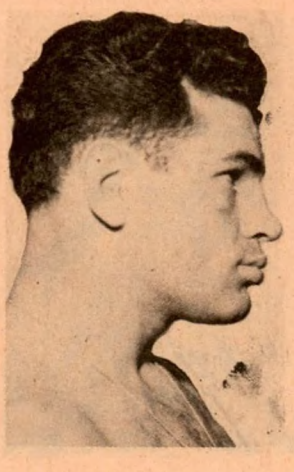
TEDDY (RED TOP) DAVIS

Started boxing under the name of Murray (Sugar) Cain . . . Born Laurens, S.C. . . . One of 12 children . . . Grew up in New York City . . . Learned to box in the P.A.L. . . . Had over 100 amateur fights . . . Went to work as cook on Pennsylvania Railroad after graduating from high school . . . Height 5 ft. 6 in.

Good action fighter . . . busiest man in featherweight and lightweight division . . . Defeated Percy Bassett, George Araujo, Charley Riley, Corky Gonzales, Paddy DeMarco, Fabela Chavez . . . 9 TV fights . . . fought Willie Pep three close fights . . . Knocked out Tommy Collins.

TOTAL: 127, W65, L59, D3

ERNIE DURANDO



"The Rock" . . . hard punching, tough belter from Bayonne, N.J. . . . Real name Armando Durando . . . Born April, 1923 . . . One of nine children . . . Started to box while serving in Navy . . . Worked as a stevedore . . . Married, two children, one boy and a girl . . . pigeon and dog fancier . . . Is a bug on photography . . . Crowd pleasing fighter.

Turned pro 1946 . . . Five fights with Paddy Young were all great crowd thrillers . . . Defeated Norman Hayes, Paddy Young, Rocky Castellani, Charley Humez, Tony Masciarelli, Jimmy Herring . . . Drew with Randy Sandy and Paddy Young.

TOTAL: 66, KO29, WD12, D4, LD16, KOBY 5

BOBBY DYKES

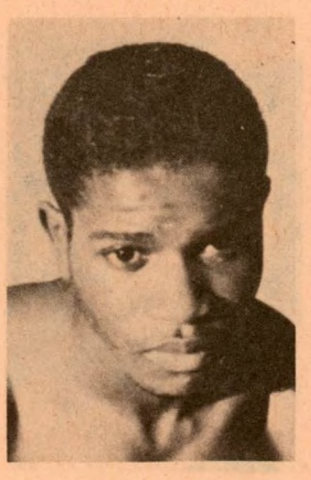
Tall, lean slugger . . . Good boxer and hard hitter . . . Born San Antonio, Texas, September, 1928 . . . Lives in Miami, Fla. . . . Owns real estate in Miami and Texas . . . Married . . . Height 6 ft. . . . light brown hair . . . All around athlete in high school.

Outstanding amateur career . . . Turned pro as a lightweight in 1946 . . . Tall for his weight and a murderous puncher.

Lost split decision to Ray Robinson . . . was leading contender for welterweight title, now a middleweight threat.

TOTAL: 142, KO54, WD59, D8, LD19, KOBY 2

LESTER FELTON



Was outstanding baseball player . . . Started in sandlots and became star in American Legion league when 12 years old . . . Took up boxing when team mates felt there was no future for them in baseball . . . Outstanding amateur at 17.

Born March, 1929 in Detroit . . . Turned pro as lightweight . . . grew into a middleweight . . . Defeated Kid Gavilan . . . Fine defensive boxer . . . Good left hand . . . Beat Carmen Basilio, Del Flanagan, Bobby Dykes, Luther Rawlings . . . Kayoed once . . .

Felton won his first twenty-nine professional bouts, ten by knockouts.

TOTAL: 79, KO21, WD38, D3, LD13, KOBY 3, L-DISQ 1

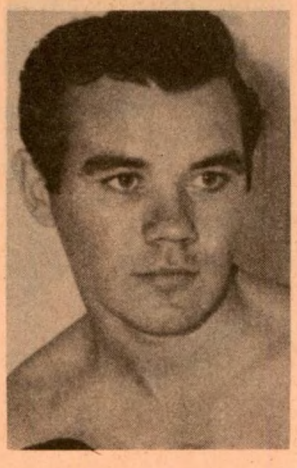
CARMINE FIORE

Rough, tough left hooker . . . Aggressive crowd pleaser . . . Born Brooklyn, N.Y. 1929 . . . Height 5 ft. 7 inches . . . Black hair, black eyes . . . worked shining shoes . . . then as trucker's helper . . . Fought 10 amateur bouts . . . Pitches softball . . . Good basketball player . . . Turned pro 1948 . . . Busy scrapper . . . Kayos over Canadian champion Rocky Brisebois, Tony Allergo, Jackie O'Brien . . . Defeated Archie Whitewater, Joey Klein, Danny Womber, Danny Giovanelli . . . Was seen on TV in New York area many times . . .

Carmine was forced to leave school at a comparatively early age to help support his family . . . His style was somewhat similar to that of Rocky Graziano's.

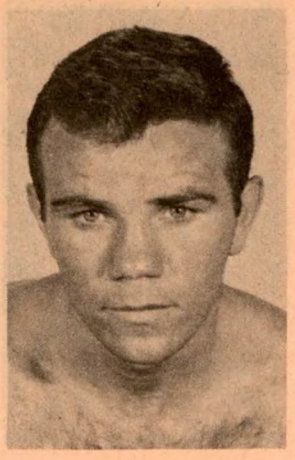
TOTAL: 74, KO18, WD30, D7, LD11, KOBY 8

DEL FLANAGAN



Youngest of the fighting Flanagan brothers . . . Born in Duluth, Minnesota . . . November, 1928 . . . Twice won Northwest Golden Gloves featherweight title . . . lives in St. Paul . . . Married . . . likes to play golf . . . Height 5 ft. 6 inches . . . blond hair, blue eyes . . . Clever boxer, who despite his 130 fights is unmarked . . . fine left hook . . .
Has beaten featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, Lester Felton, Arthur King, Teddy Davis, Carlos Chavez, Jackie Graves, Beau Jack, Archie Whitewater . . . Started as featherweight, then welterweight . . .
TOTAL: 130, KO37, WD68, D2, LD15, KOBY 7 NC 1

GLEN FLANAGAN



Older, but smaller of the fighting Irish brothers from St. Paul . . . Started boxing while serving with the Navy Seabees on Okinawa and the Philippines . . . Married, two boys . . . lives in St. Paul . . . Born in 1928 . . . Blue eyes, blond hair . . . speedy, clever, boxer . . . A top featherweight . . . He boxed all over the United States . . .
Holds wins over Lauro Salas, Gene Smith, Jackie Graves, Charley Riley, Chico Rosa, Kid Centella . . .
TOTAL: 119, KO33, WD50, D13, LD22, KOBY 1

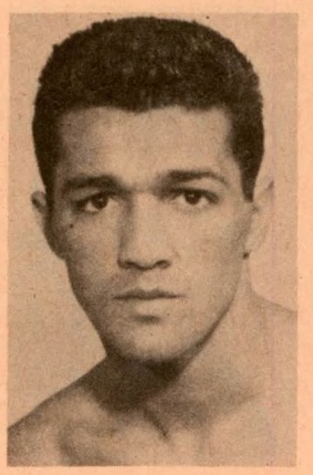
RAMON FUENTES

California State welterweight champion . . . Rough, tough, fighter . . . a crowd pleaser . . . Started boxing while serving in the South Pacific with the Marines during World War II . . . Born November 20, 1925 . . . Lives in California.
Made pro debut 1950 . . . fought first year under the name of Chuck Moody . . . Has a brother Jesse, a middleweight . . . Has worked as a grave digger . . . Height 5 ft. 8 inches . . . slugger . . . scored 10 kayos.
Has defeated Charlie Green, Art Aragon, Bobby Jones, Al Wilson, Danny Womber . . . Seen on TV on the Pacific Coast . . . Lost close fight to Champion Kid Gavilan.
TOTAL: 54, KO12, WD29, D1, LD9, KOBY 3

HENRY (PAPPY) GAULT

Former holder of the North American bantamweight title . . . Born Spartanburg, S.C. . . . Born February 9, 1929 . . . Married, two children . . . Won Golden Gloves, Southern and Eastern 112 pound championships in 1948 . . . Made pro debut in November, 1948 . . .
Defended title five times . . . Lost to Billy Peacock on split decision . . . Good puncher, 17 knockouts . . . Fine softball player . . . Liked to bowl . . . Lost decision to world champion Jimmy Carruthers.
Holds victories over Fernando Gagnon, Billy Lima, Orlando Echevarria, Don Cooper, Lew Yonkers . . . Has fought in Cuba, Canada, France and Australia. Built his own home in Spartanburg.
TOTAL: 81, KO22, WD32, D2, LD21, KOBY 4

JOEY GIAMBRA

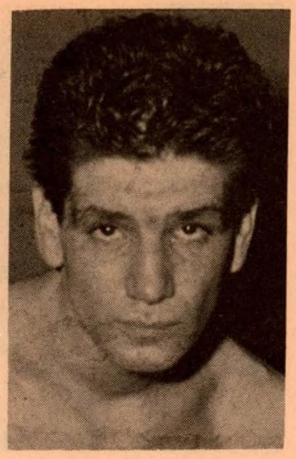


Top rated middleweight contender . . . Called by Sugar Ray Robinson, "a coming Champ" . . . Speedy, clever boxer . . . hard puncher . . . Popular pride of Buffalo, N.Y. . . . One of nine children . . . Three of his brothers were amateur boxers . . . Undefeated as an amateur.
Won many simon-pure titles . . . Born 1933 . . . Height 5 ft. 10 inches . . . dark, curly hair . . . good looking . . . started to box while in high school . . . turned pro as a lightweight in 1949 . . . Beat Danny Womber, Tuzo Portuguez, Bernie Docusen, Otis Graham, Sal Di Martino . . . Crowd pleaser.
TOTAL: 77, KO31, WD34, D2, LD10, KOBY 0

DANNY GIOVANELLI

Brooklyn's newest fistic star . . . Tall, lean and good looking . . . Born Brooklyn, N.Y., May, 1932 . . . Height 5 ft. 10 inches . . . black hair, brown eyes . . . One of five children . . . Uncle, Pat Giovanelli, was leading lightweight contender before World War II . . . Good body puncher . . . Studied fur designing in spare time.
Has beaten Vince Martinez, Claude Hammond, Phil Morizio, Danny Jo Perez, Jackie O'Brien . . . Runner up for 1953 Ring Rookie of the year award until he was knocked out by Rocky Casillo in the 10th round.
TOTAL: 39, KO13, WD17, D1, LD6, KOBY 2

JOHNNY GONSALVES BILLY GRAHAM



A contender for the lightweight title . . . Tallest lightweight . . . He is 5 ft. 10 inches . . . One of 11 children . . . Black hair, brown eyes . . . Was National Amateur Champion in 1947-48 . . . In 1948 beat Johnny Saxton and was voted the outstanding amateur fighter in the United States . . . Picture boxer . . . Born in Oakland, Calif., Sept., 1930 . . . Owned a clothing store . . . Turned pro 1948 . . . 42 fights . . . 32 wins . . . Defeated Paddy DeMarco, Virgil Akins, George Araujo . . . Lives on Pacific Coast.

TOTAL: 81, KO9, WD48, D3, LD18, KOBY 3

Clever veteran . . . A leading welterweight contender . . . Started boxing in the P.A.L. as an eighty pounder . . . Beat Ray Robinson in P.A.L. bouts . . . Born September, 1922 on New York's East Side . . . Lives in L.I. with wife . . . Height 5 ft. 7 inches . . . Light, brown hair . . . brown eyes . . . fine boxing stylist.

Started as a pro in 1941 . . . Never knocked down . . . Called the "Split Decision Kid" because he lost seven fights on split decisions.

Defeated Kid Gavilan, Carmen Basilio, Terry Young, Fitzie Pruden, Tony Pellone, Art Aragon . . . Seen on TV over 25 times.

TOTAL: 126, KO26, WD76, D9, LD15, KOBY0

EUGENE (GENE) HAIRSTON TOMMY HARRISON

Hard Punching middleweight . . . Crowd pleaser . . . Good boxer . . . A deaf mute since he was 2 years old . . . Recovered from spinal meningitis . . . Fine student in high school. Won Golden Glove and Inter-City welterweight titles in 1947 . . . Born New York City, 1929 . . . Started as a pro 1947 . . . Defeated Laurent Dauthuille, Paddy Young, Lee Sala, Lester Felton, Kid Gavilan . . . Drew with Robert Villemain, Jake La Motta, Joe Rindone . . . Hairston won his first sixteen professional bouts . . . was exciting and crowd pleasing for video watchers.

TOTAL: 63, KO24, WD21, D5, LD10, KOBY 3

A Lt. heavyweight contender . . . Born Philadelphia, Pa., November, 1929 . . . Turned to amateur boxing while living in Washington, D.C. in 1946 . . . Served two years in Army Transport Service . . . Won the Far Eastern Service Command middleweight title in 1949 . . . Made pro bow in Los Angeles, Cal. . . . Was chief sparmate for Rocky Marciano . . . It was his left hook that damaged Rocky's nose and caused the postponement of the Walcott-Marciano second fight . . . Fast boxer . . . Was California light heavyweight champion. . . . Defeated Jimmy Bivins, Wes Bascom . . .

TOTAL: 34, KO5, WD17, D2, LD5, KOBY 5

NORMAN HAYES CLARENCE HENRY

Rough, aggressive middleweight . . . Now serving in the U.S. Army . . . Height 5 ft. 11 inches . . . Born in 1931 . . . Lives in Boston, Mass. . . . Started pro career as a welterweight in 1949 . . . fast punching, action fighter . . . Never in a dull match . . . Faced best in his class. Holds wins over Jake La Motta, Joey De John, Paul Pender, Robert Villemain, Sammy Walker . . . Fought thrilling battles with Claude Milazzo, Lee Sala, Ernie Durando, Bobo Olson, Jesse Turner, Charley Humez . . . Every fight he was in was a "war".

TOTAL: 41, KO7, WD15, D1, LD16, KOBY 1 EXHIB 1

Rated as the fastest puncher in the heavyweight class . . . Born in San Antonio, Texas . . . Now makes his home in Los Angeles, Cal. . . . Born in San Antonio, Texas on March 27, 1926 . . . Made big hit with the TV fight fans.

Has kayoed Bob Satterfield, Bob Dunlap, Rusty Payne, Bob Murphy, Bob Baker, Harry Wills . . . Defeated Jimmy Bivins, Doc Williams, John Holman, Omelio Agramonte . . . 6 ft. 1 in., 185 pounds . . . Has been stopped only once, due to cuts, in bout with Jimmy Bivins early in his career.

TOTAL: 43, KO19, WD15, DI, LD5, KOBY 1 NC1 EXHIB 1

JIMMY HERRING

One of TV's first glamour boys . . . Was the pride of Long Island . . . Started fighting as amateur while still in high school at 14 . . . likes all sports . . . Played a lot of football . . . Known as the "Golden Boy" . . . Handsome . . . Height 5 ft. 10 inches . . . Reddish blond hair . . . Turned pro at 17 . . . Married . . . Fine boxer . . . Good puncher . . . Born 1931 . . .
Lives in Ozone Park, Long Island . . . defeated Sal DiMartino, Ralph Jones, Jimmy Flood, Johnny Cerky, Lou Valles, Artie Diamond, Sonny Horne . . . Was seen on TV in New York area more than forty times . . . Boxer-Slugger.
TOTAL: 72, KO24, WD31, D2, LD7, KOBY 8

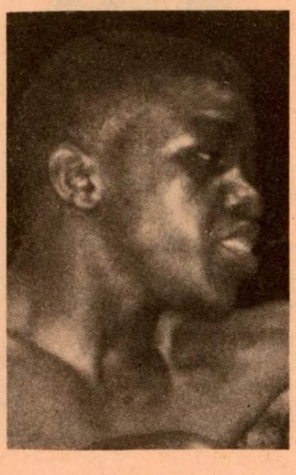
BOBBY JONES

Tough fighter, good crowd pleaser . . . Never fought as an amateur . . . Born Opelausas, La. . . . Born November 11, 1925 . . . one of ten children . . . Married . . . father of three sons . . . Worked as stevedore and warehouseman . . . Lives on Pacific coast . . . Former California State welterweight and middleweight champion . . . Turned pro 1945 . . . Fine defensive boxer . . . Defeated Phil Palmer, Esau Ferdinand, Charley Salas, Art Soto, Freddy Dawson, Maurice Harper . . . Lost close decisions to Willie Troy, Bobo Olson, and Ramon Fuentes . . . Seen on Pacific Coast TV many times.
TOTAL: 76, KO5, WD35, D8, LD24, KOBY 4

RALPH (TIGER) JONES

TV's busiest fighter . . . Has been on TV more than 20 times . . . Started as boxer in P.A.L. . . . Was sparmate for Roger Donahue . . . Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. . . . One of 10 children . . . Height 5 feet 7 inches . . . Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 14, 1928 . . . Likes Music and Photography . . . Made big hit in split decision loss to Johnny Saxton . . . Great win over Johnny Bratton . . . fine crowd pleaser . . . all-action fighter . . . Wins over Bobby Lloyd, Danny Womber, Mike Koballa, Jimmy Herring, Phil Rizzo, Marvin Edelman, Mickey Laurent. Was on network TV eight times in 1953 . . . Lost close fight to Kid Gavilan. A rugged, two-fisted scrapper with a slam-bang action style.
TOTAL: 86, KO13, WD38, D5, LD29, KOBY 1

ARTHUR KING

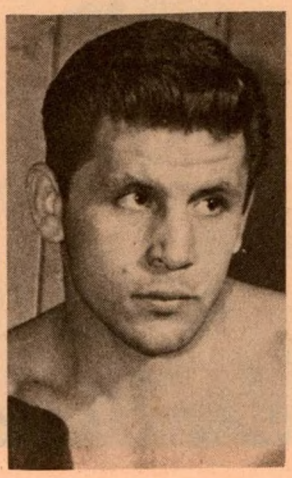


Canadian lightweight champion . . . Former British Empire lightweight champion . . . Decided to become a pro when he was fired from job at paper mill for having a fight during lunch hour . . . Born February 1927 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada . . . Turned pro in 1946 . . .
Good boxer, strong left hook . . . Fourght main bout in second fight . . . Has wins over Joe Brown, Dave Castilloux, Spider Armstrong, Armand Savoie, Henry Davis, Phil Terranova, Chester Rico, Paddy DeMarco, Eddie Giosa, Teddy Davis . . . Won British Empire title by knocking out Billy Thompson in 1948.
TOTAL: 75, KO19, WD42, DO, LD11, KOBY 2 EXHIB 1

PIERRE LANGLOIS

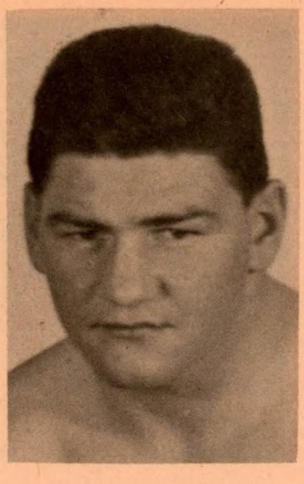
Crowd-pleaser from France . . . Started boxing as an amateur when 13 . . . Born 1926 . . . Pont-Audemer, Normandy, France . . . One of 14 children . . . Over 400 amateur bouts . . . Wounded in the leg during the war.
Made pro debut in 1947 . . . World traveler . . . Boxed in Australia in 1949 . . . First came to U.S. in 1952 . . . Busy-action style of fighting . . . Held French welterweight title . . . Scored wins over Rocky Castellani, Bobby Dykes, Jimmy Beau, Joe Miceli, Harold Green, Georgie Small, Tommy Bell, Danny Womber, Paolo Melis, Gilbert Lavoine, Tito Clavel.
TOTAL: 87, KO14, WD51, D5, LD13, KOBY 4

ROLAND LASTARZA



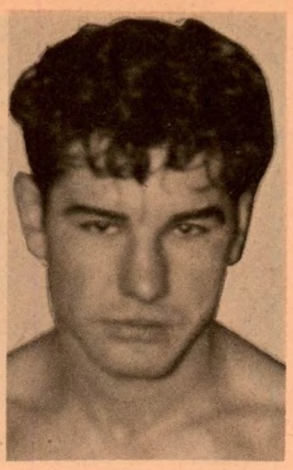
Attended the City College of New York . . . Born and raised in the Bronx, New York City . . . Born May 12, 1927 . . . Height 5 ft. 10 inches . . . Light, brown curly hair . . . Father owned a grocery and butcher shop . . . Served two years in Army of Occupation in Germany and Italy . . . Twice won Golden Gloves light heavyweight titles.
Starred in movie short, "The Prize Fighter" . . . Soft spoken gentleman outside of the ring . . . Liked roller skating . . . played lacrosse in college . . . Made pro debut 1947 . . . Won first 37 fights . . . Rated best boxer among the heavyweights . . . Good puncher . . . Stopped by Rocky Marciano in heavyweight title bid.
TOTAL: 63, KO25, WD30, DO, LD6, KOBY 2

REX LAYNE



Rugged slugger . . . Good right hand . . . Started boxing while serving with the 11th Airborne Division in the Asiatic Theatre . . . Won many service titles . . . National A.A.U. heavyweight title holder 1949.
Born Lewiston, Utah, 1928 . . . Worked on family farm before going into army . . . Football player in high school . . . Turned pro 1949 . . . Won 17 straight . . . Kayoed Bob Satterfield, Dave Whitlock, Bob Dunlap . . . Defeated Henry Hall, Turkey Thompson, Ezzard Charles, Jersey Joe Walcott, Cesar Brion . . . Married . . . Now lives in Salt Lake City.
Sprang into prominence with an upset decision over Jersey Joe Walcott in New York debut in 1950.
TOTAL: 73, KO34, WD16, D3, LD11, KOBY 6, EXHIB 3

PAT (SPUNKY) LOWRY



Family name is Albert Allyn, fighting name Pat . . . Outstanding amateur record . . . Won 87 of 95 . . . Five Golden Gloves championships . . . Served three years in U.S. Marines . . . 14 months in Korea . . . Born Sandusky, Ohio, November, 1929 . . . Honor student at Toledo's Waite High School . . . Likes poetry . . . Married . . . Height 5 ft. 9 inches . . . 145 pounds . . . Good looking, dark-haired youngster . . . Drew over 20,000 fans in his two fights with Tommy Leedle.
Won his first eighteen professional fights, fifteen by knockouts . . . One of the most popular and biggest drawing cards in the Mid-West . . . Nickname of Spunky fits him.
TOTAL: 58, KO29, WD14, DO, LD12, KOBY 3

PAT MARCUNE

Started to box while serving in the Coast Guard . . . One of the hardest punchers in the featherweight class . . . Aggressive slugger . . . (Crowd pleaser . . . Born Brooklyn, N.Y. . . . Born in 1930 . . . Height 5 ft. 6 inches . . . Brown hair and eyes . . . Learned to play chess in service . . . Only chess playing fighter around . . . Flashy dresser . . . Diamond setter by trade . . . Started pro career in 1949 . . .
Defeated ex-lightweight champion Lauro Salas . . . Beat Bill Bossio, Tony Say, Eddie Compo, Tony Spano, Tito Valles, Charley McGarrity . . . was a TV favorite.
TOTAL: 57, KO16, WD19, D3, LD13, KOBY 6

VINCE MARTINEZ

"Rookie of the Year" in 1952 . . . Born Mt. Kisco, N.Y., May, 1929 . . . Now lives in N.J. . . . Worked as draftsman . . . Started boxing in Newark, N.J. Boy's Club . . . Won three New Jersey A.A.U. boxing titles . . . Height 5 ft. 9 inches . . . Dark, wavy hair . . . Likes music and dancing . . . Made pro debut March, 1949 . . . Picture boxer . . . Hard right hand puncher . . . fine defensive fighter.
Defeated Carmine Fiore, Sammy Giuliani . . . Kayoed Don Williams, Johnny De Fazio, Tony Pellone, Sal DiMartino . . . National Guardsman . . . A prolific TV attraction.
TOTAL: 77, KO36, WD32, DO, LD7, KOBY 2

HARRY (KID) MATTHEWS

Born in Emmett, Idaho, 1922 . . . Married, three children, 2 boys and a girl . . . Lives in Seattle, Wash. . . . Started boxing as a pro at 15 . . . Was undefeated from 1943 to 1952 . . . Served three years in the Pacific with the Army during World War II . . . Cited for bravery during invasion of the Philippines . . . was only a lightweight when he started . . . Clever boxer . . . good right hand puncher Kayoed Phil Muscato, Lloyd Marshall, Jose Basora, Henry Lee . . . Defeated Al Hostak, Danny Nardico, Rex Layne, Freddy Beshore, Bob Murphy.

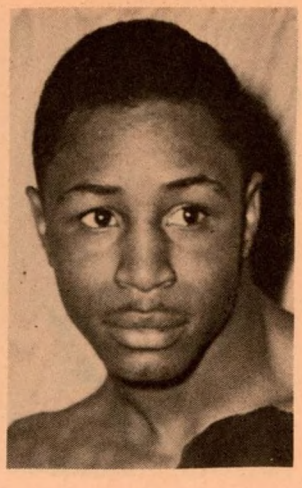
DANNY NARDICO

Hard-punching Tampa, Fla., light heavyweight contender . . . Started boxing as an amateur in 1944 . . . Won all 15 bouts . . . Served three years during World War II with the Marines . . . Was a hero . . . Wounded three times during five major battles . . . Fought at Okinawa . . . Awarded Silver Star . . . Married . . . Born July 1927 in Plainsville, Ohio . . . lives in Philadelphia.
Started pro 1949 . . . First fighter to floor Jake LaMotta . . . Kayoes over Lalu Sabotin, Jake LaMotta, Bernie Reynolds . . . Is graduate Television Technician . . . Fine infighter.
Is considered one of the hardest punchers in the light heavyweight division.
TOTAL: 66, KO35, WD14, D4, LD8, LF1, KOBY 4

GARTH PANTER

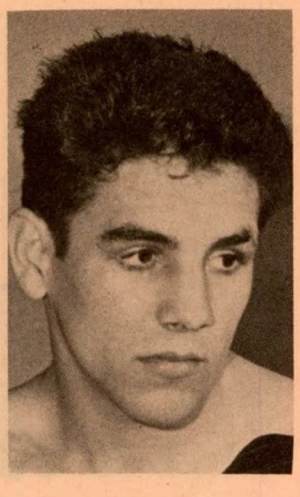
Born in Preston, Idaho, July 19-30 . . . Lives in Idaho . . . Father, Ken Panter, was a light heavyweight during the twenties. Older brother, Dale was an active heavyweight.
Served two years in Army . . . Pro since December 1949 . . . Married, three children . . . Height 5 ft. 11 ins. . . . Light brown hair and eyes . . . Beat Earl Turner, Walter Cartier, Bobby King, Anton Raadik, Pierre Langlois . . . Lost close fight to Bobo Olson . . .
Won his first sixteen professional fights, twelve by knockouts . . . Panter is one of the better fighters to come out of the Northwest . . . Had first big time showing at Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn.
TOTAL: 89, KO45, WD17, D2, LD22, KOBY 3

BILLY PEACOCK



Was crowned North American bantamweight champion . . . Former National A.A.U. flyweight title holder . . . Born in Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Five feet, four inches tall . . . Born June 30, 1933 . . . Made pro debut in home town in 1951 . . . Fast, fair boxer . . . Lack of small men in East forced him to go to California for action . . . Won California State bantamweight crown in upset win over Oscar Torres . . . Defeated Tommy Umeda, Baby Moe Mario, Alex Frimbas, Celso Hidelgo.
Won North American title in upset win over Pappy Gault in Network TV debut.
TOTAL: 66, KO18, WD24, D1, LD19, KOBY 4

LULU PEREZ

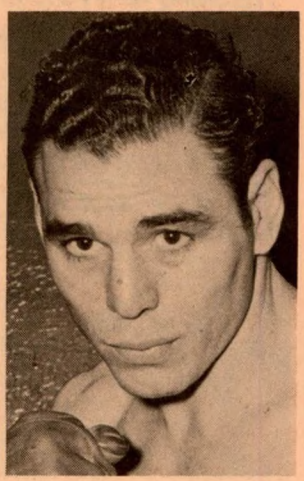


Real name is Luis Perez . . . Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 1933 . . . Clever boxer . . . Good puncher . . . Won 30 of 33 Simon-pure bouts . . . Eastern Gloves 118-pound titleholder 1951 . . . Turned pro June 1951 . . . Scored victories over Bill Bossio, Glen Flanagan, Tony Say, Dave Gallardo, Leon LeBrun, Corky Gonzales, Pat Iacobucci . . . Made a big hit with the TV fans . . . Height 5 ft. 6 ins. . . . Black, curly hair . . . Single . . . Likes to dance and bowl . . . A product of the Brooklyn C.Y.O. . . . One of boxing's Top Rookies of 1954.
TOTAL: 54, KO14, WD23, D2, LD11, KOBY 4

ARTHUR PERSLEY

Ringwise, crowd-pleaser . . . After years of struggle became a leading contender for the lightweight title . . . Never fought as an amateur . . . Served five years in the Army in World War II . . . Was wounded while serving with the Third Armored Division in Germany . . . Won E.T.O. lightweight title . . . Married . . . Born Red Cross, La., October 11, 1923.
Defeated Ray Andrews, Georgie Dunn, Virgil Akins, Henry Davis, Phil Kim, Percy Bassett, Danny Womber . . . Fast, Shifty boxer . . . Good right-hand puncher . . .
Not a knockout puncher but shifty and fast.
TOTAL: 120, KO26, WD64, D6, LD15, KOBY 9

TUZO PORTUGUEZ



Two-fisted slugger from Costa Rica . . . Central American middle champ . . . Born in San Jose, Costa Rica . . . in 1928 . . . Home in Managua, Nicaragua . . . Good soccer player . . . Likes motorcycles . . . Right name is Jesus Portuguez.
Started boxing as a sparring partner for brother-in-law, Emilio Castrillo, former Central American middleweight . . . Made pro bow 1946 . . . Came to U.S. in 1948 . . .
Kayoed Paddy Young, defeated Garth Panter, Jesse Turner, Charley Williams, Phil Burton, Beau Jack, Chico Verona, Hank Barrow . . . On video bouts over 11 times . . . A crowd-pleaser.
TOTAL 78, KO28, WD24, D6, LD14, KOBY 6

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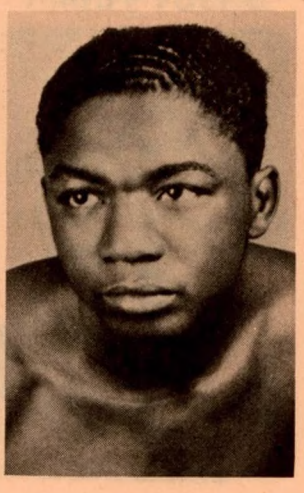


Tall, lean, good puncher . . . Fine boxer . . . Good left hand . . . Impressive amateur record . . . Born Lucius Minor, Jr., Chicago, Ill., 1929 . . . Started pro career at 18 in 1947 . . . Fought main bout in seventh fight . . . While fighting in California, appeared in the movie, "The Set Up" . . . Fine drawing card in Chicago.
Started as lightweight . . . matured into a welter . . . Had kayoed Art Persley, Enrique Bolanos . . . Beat Virgil Akins, Danny Womber, Mario Trigo, Art Aragon . . . Drew with Wallace Smith, Joe Brown.
TOTAL: 65, KO14, WD23, D6, LD17, KOBY 5

CHARLEY RILEY

Leading featherweight contender for seven years . . . . "Chillin' Charlie" . . . Height 5 ft. 4 ins. . . . Born 1925 . . . Married . . . One of 11 children . . . Fought four world champions . . . Was defeated in attempt to win world featherweight title from Willie Pep in 1950 . . . Hard puncher with either hand . . . Started pro career 1944 . . . Won 12 straight, 11 by hayoes . . . Had large following in the Mid-West.
Defeated Dave Gallardo, Maxie Shapiro, Phil Terranova, Teddy Davis, Percy Bassett . . . Fine bowler and horseman.
TOTAL: 93, KO34, WD29, D1, LD23, KOBY 6

RANDY SANDY

An outstanding athlete in P.A.L. competition . . . Won medals in track and basketball . . . Turned down basketball scholarship to follow boxing career . . . Lost 4 out of 70 bouts as a Simon-pure . . . America's leading amateur star in 1951 . . . Won New York, Inter-City, National and International welterweight titles . . . Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 1931 . . . 6 ft. 1 in. . . . Lanky speedster . . . Scholarly-looking . . . Graduate electrician.
Defeated Henry Jordan, Jimmy Beau, Al Wilson, Harold Drucker, Gus Rubicini, Lee Sala, Tuzo Portuguez . . . Drew with Ernie Durando . . . Was rated among the best of the young fighters of his era.
TOTAL: 44, KO8, WD15, D2, LD16, KOBY 3

BOB SATTERFIELD

Leading contender for both the light heavyweight and heavyweight titles . . . Born in Chicago, Ill., 1923 . . . Married, one son . . . Height 6 ft. 2 ins. . . . Started pro career as a middleweight in 1945 . . . Terrific puncher, either hand . . . Fine boxer . . . Not too durable . . . Had kayoed Bob Baker, Lee Oma, Elkins Brothers, Billy Smith, Chuck Hunter . . . Beat Tommy Gomez, Bob Amos, Nick Barone, Harold Johnson . . . Had habit of bouncing back into spotlight after a series of fist-reverses . . . Thrilling fighter.
TOTAL: 79, KO35, WD15, D4, LD12, KOBY 13

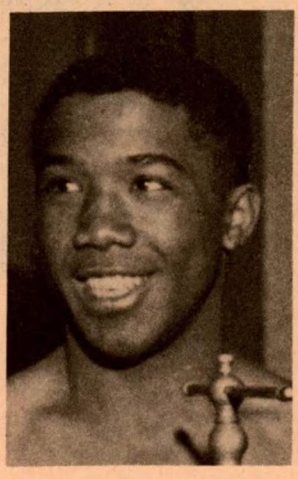
ARMAND SAVOIE

Former Canadian lightweight and welterweight champion . . . Born in Montreal, Canada, 1928 . . . Height 5 ft. 9 ins. . . . Dark hair and eyes . . . Aggressive crowd-pleaser . . . Won and lost Canadian welterweight title in thrilling fights with Johnny Greco . . . Rated among the leading lightweights . . . Hard left hooker . . . Fair right-hand puncher.
Defeated Glen Flanagan, Eddie Compo, Alan McFater, Sandy Saddler, Pierre Montane . . . Fought many times on TV . . . Failed to win world's lightweight crown from Jimmy Carter.
TOTAL: 93, KO27, WD26, D5, LD31, KOBY 4

JIMMY SLADE

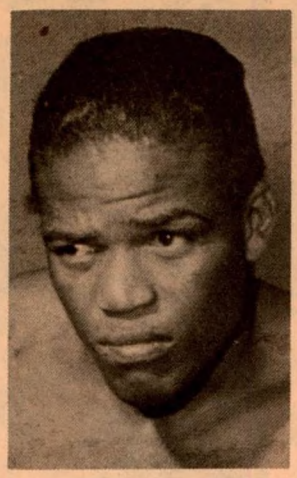
Contender for light heavyweight title . . . Born in Norfolk, Va., 1926 . . . Started boxing late in life . . . No amateur background . . . Started in 1949 . . . Fine, two-fisted slugger . . . Not great puncher, but punishing hitter . . . Stinging left hook.
Held wins over British Empire heavyweight champion Don Cockell and Canadian heavyweight champion Earl Walls . . . Boxed draw with Yolande Pompee . . . Lost close decisions to light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, and Harold Johnson Crowd-pleaser . . . Worked as radio mechanic . . . Height, 5 ft. 10½ ins.
TOTAL: 50, KO6, WD20, D4, LD17, KOBY 3

GENE SMITH



Hard-hitting featherweight . . . Born in 1931 . . . Height 5 ft. 5 ins. . . . Fast puncher . . . Carried knockout wallop in either fist . . . Outstanding amateur record . . . Started pro career 1949 . . . Won first 31 fights in a row . . .
Kayoed Jose Ramos, Corky Gonzales, Leo LeBrun, Jimmy Cooper, Little Dynamite, Bobby Bell, Elmer Barksdale . . . Defeated Fabela Chavez, Glen Flanagan, Harry LaSane, Gaetano Annaloro . . . Fine action fighter . . . Liked to play softball and basketball . . . Smith was one of the best in his division . . . Very popular in Washington.
TOTAL: 53, KO33, WD12, D1, LD5, KOBY 2

GIL TURNER



Leading welterweight contender . . . Unbeaten in 35 amateur fights . . . Diamond belt, P.A.L., A.A.U. welter champ in 1946 . . . Born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 1930 . . . One of three children . . . Turned pro May 1950 . . . Scored 15 straight knockouts . . . Won 31 in a row before failing to win the welterweight title from Kid Gavilan . . . Slambang action fighter . . . Called the new Henry Armstong . . . Broke Johnny Saxton's unbeaten streak.
Kayoed Ike Williams, Chico Verona, Joe Miceli, Beau Jack, Charlie Fusari, Bernie Docusen, Don Williams, Ramon Fuentes . . . Likes music and dancing.
TOTAL: 78, KO35, WD21, D2, LD15, KOBY 4, EXHIB 1

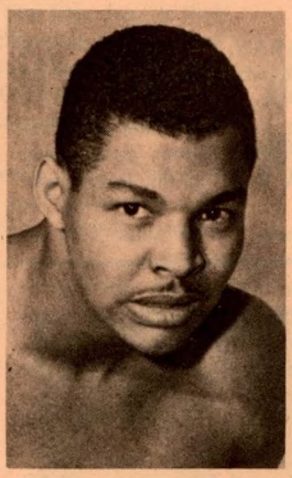
NINO VALDES

Cuban heavyweight champion . . . Upset winner over former heavy champ Ezzard Charles . . . Started boxing at 16 . . . Had in and out record until taken over by Bobby Gleason . . . then became rated as a contender for world honors . . . 6 ft. 3 ins. tall, 215 pounds . . . Moved fast for a big man . . . Good puncher . . . real name Geraldo Valdes.
Born in Havana, Cuba on December 5, 1924 . . . Won Cuban title by knocking out Omelio Agramonte . . . Lost close fight to light heavy champ Archie Moore . . . K.O.'ed Heinz Neuhaus . . . Nino was nicknamed, meaning "Baby" . . . Married, lives in the Bronx section of New York City . . .
TOTAL: 72, KO36, WD13, D2, LD13, KOBY 5 EXHIB 3

CHICO VEJAR

Served in the U.S. Army . . . Was Dramatic Arts student at New York University . . . Born Stamford, Conn., Sept. 1951 . . . Won 30 of 31 amateur fights . . . Height 5 ft. 8½ ins. . . . Dark, curly hair . . . Black eyes . . . Bobby-sox idol . . . Won first 32 pro bouts . . . Slugger-puncher . . . top-notch "club fighter."
Defeated Tony Cimmino, Carmine Fiore, Lou Volpe, Enrique Bolanos, Fitzie Pruden . . . Kayoed Terry Young, Italo Scortichini, Sonny Luciano, Johnny DeFazio, Billy Wyatt . . . Started as featherweight, and grew into full-fledged middleweigh . . . Likes boating and swimming . . . Fine musician, plays the drums.
TOTAL: 117, KO43, WD50, D4, LD17, KOBY 3

COLEY WALLACE



Facial resemblance to Joe Louis . . . Defeated Rocky Marciano in amateurs . . . Twice won Golden Gloves heavyweight titles . . . All-around athlete in high school . . . Played the part of Joe Louis in the movie of Joe's life . . . Height 6 ft. 1 in. . . . 210 pounder . . . Made pro bow in 1950.
Won first eight fights by knockouts . . . Good boxer . . . Liked to counter punch . . . Fine hitter with either hand . . . kayoed Bob Dunlap, Aaron Wilson, Willie James, Maynard Jones, Bill Gilliam . . . Was a fine heavyweight prospect.
TOTAL: 27, KO15, WD5, DO, LD3, KOBY 4

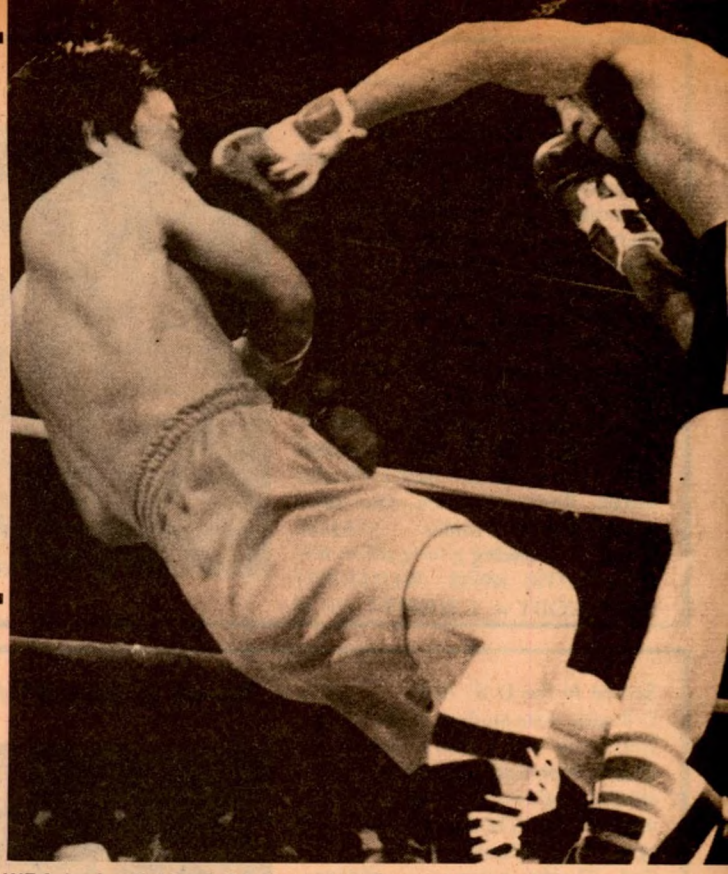
DANNY WOMBER

Aggressive welterweight from Chicago . . . Globe trotter . . . Fought in eleven countries . . . Born January 5, 1927 . . . Was a combination boxer-puncher . . . Had impressive amateur record . . . Made pro debut December 1948 . . .
Made a big hit in Europe . . . feated, among others, Kid Dussart, Alf Danahar, Jose Diaz, Gus Mell, Wallace Smith . . . Snapped Kid Gavilan's unbeaten streak by winning in a non-title bout . . . Boxed draws with Ralph Jones, Pierre Langlois, Wally Thom, Luigi Valentini . . . Crowd-pleaser . . . Last fight, 1953.
TOTAL: 75, KO10, WD33, D10, LD20, LF1, KOBY 1

PADDY YOUNG

Popular left hooker from Greenwich Village, New York City . . . Born in Concord, Staten Island Sept. 14, 1928 . . . Married . . . Worked as a stevedore . . . Was owner of ice cream parlor . . . Fought 17 times in Madison Square Garden . . . Height 5 ft. 8 ins. . . . Blond hair . . . Turned pro 1946 . . .
Holds wins over Ernie Durando, Fitzie Pruden, Harold Green, Charlie Fusari, Tuzo Portuguez . . . Lost to Bobo Olson in bout for American middleweight championship . . . Converted southpaw . . . Terrific left hook . . . Action fighter . . . Strong body puncher.
TOTAL: 66, KO24, WD25, D4, LD9, KOBY 4

SERRANO KAYOES OH YOUNG HO



WBA junior lightweight champion Samuel Ferrano slams a hard left hook to the face of Korean Oh Young Ho in the ninth round of their title bout in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

ROBERTO CLEMENTE STADIUM, SAN JUAN, P.R. — Oh Young Ho traveled half way around the world for a bouquet of roses and a knockout loss.

The bouquet of roses were given to him in traditional style before his scheduled championship fight by his Korean compatriots and the knockout was furnished by W.B.A. junior lightweight champion Samuel Serrano.

A rather rotund referee from Venezuela by the name of Luis Sulbaran called a halt in a slightly controversial fashion.

With about thirty seconds to go in the ninth round, the Korean challenger was clipped by a short left hook that dropped him. Up at the count of nine, he was again dropped, this time by a right uppercut. He managed to get up at what appeared to be a nine-count when the bell rang, but the ref stretched his arm and signalled that the bout was over. The question was whether it was a TKO or whether he had counted the full ten.

"I counted ten before the bell rang but could have gone on counting after the bell rang in accordance with the rules," said Sulbaran.

Some felt that he should have been given the minute's rest and that the fatal ten had not been counted, but the Korean corner offered no protest and Oh Young Ho was beginning to look like old Old Ho, so regardless of the technicality involved it was best that the bout was halted. So it goes in the books as a ninth-round kayo.

Prior to the ninth round, it was all Serrano as he carried a seven-inch advantage in height against his short-armed rival. The Korean was ever willing and continually on the offensive. He was outsized, outgunned, but not outgamed. Ho was jabbed silly and seemed to rely only on his right hand while Serrano peppered him with left jabs, right hooks which he at times converted into uppercuts.

The tide of battle took a definite change in the fifth when Ho

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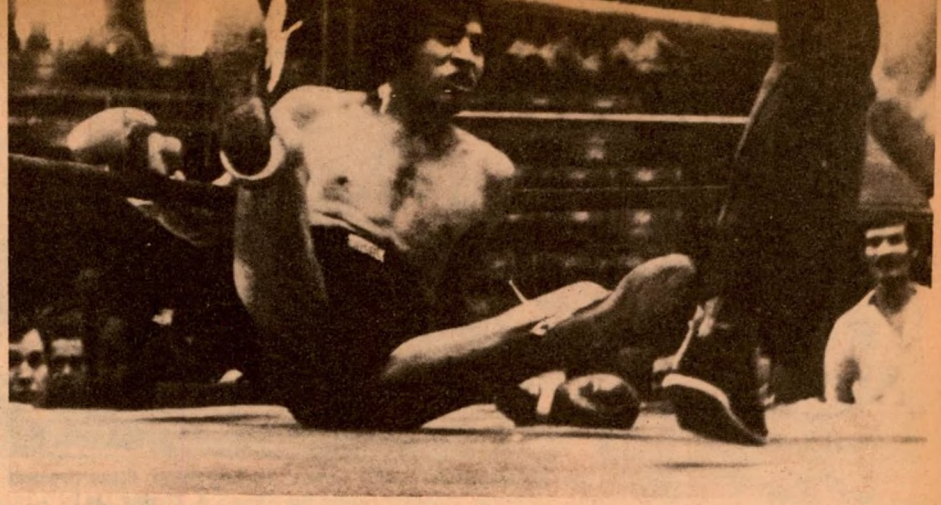
The challenger is down again. Referee Luis Sulbaran counted Young Ho out before the bell rang ending the ninth round.

PEDROZA KAYOES HERREA IN TWELVE



By JOHN ORT

Challenger Ernest Herrera hits the deck in the fourth round of his bout with WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza in Panama City. Pedroza kept his title via a TKO.

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA — WBA featherweight king Eusebio Pedroza retained his title with a twelfth-round TKO over Mexico's Ernesto Herrera.

In the fourth round, Pedroza knocked Ernesto on the seat of his trunks for the only knockdown of the bout. It was a one-sided affair, and there were moments when Pedroza seemed to lessen his attack because his domination was so thorough. Eusebio scored at will, rested here and there, and had no fear of the out-gunned Herrera.

Referee Carlos Berrocal stopped the fight at 2:56 of the twelfth with Eusebio ahead on all the cards. Weights: Pedroza, 126; Herrera, 125¾. The bout was witnessed by five thousand people.

As we go to press, a title defense with Pedroza against Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma, will have taken place. The hope here is that O'Grady can give the champion a battle, but it looks as if another one-sided contest is in the making, judging O'Grady on his last bout, against Shig Fukuyama in Oklahoma City.

The Ring has just received the record of Pedroza from the Panama commission. He now has an 18-3 mark, scoring twelve knockouts and being stopped himself by Alfonso Perez in three rounds on January 18, 1975, by Alfonso Zamora in two rounds on April 4, 1976, and by Oscar Arnal in six sessions on November 7, 1976.

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Leonard Beats Dick Eklund

By "SAILOR" DON SAUER

BOSTON, MASS. — Sugar Ray Leonard had to go the distance, ten rounds, but the outcome was never in doubt, as he outpoined Dick Ecklund of Lowell, Mass., at Hynes Auditorium, Boston, Mass., before a paid house of 4017. Both fighters weighed in at 146 pounds for the match. Ecklund seemed content to box Leonard, moving and occasionally throwing a combination but Leonard was in complete charge from the opening bell. Angelo Dundee said after the bout, "seems that the kid, (Ecklund) was aroused by the enthusiast support. He's the local kid. He wanted to give a good account of himself and he sure did." To this writer it appeared Ecklund was content to "go the distance with this fistic phenomenon." The "local boy" Ecklund was "on the floor" twice during the match — and Leonard was down from a push near the end of the fight. The action was fast and furious throughout with the crowd yelling and screaming. A real fine fight, indeed. An opening eight rounder found Steve Gregory, 149, of Columbus, Ohio, with Angeleo Dundee in his corner, drawing with Randy Milston, 150, of Bridgeport, Conn., in a real action fight. Both

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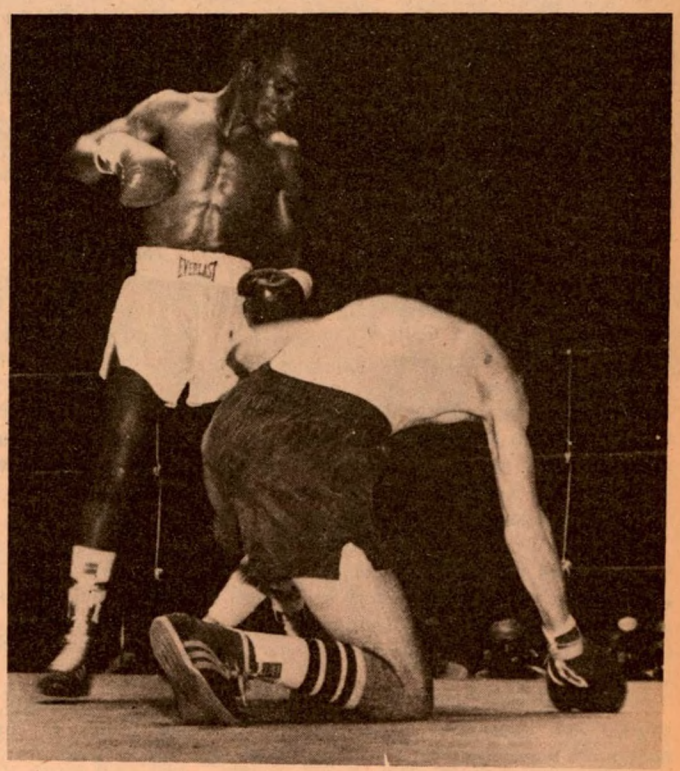
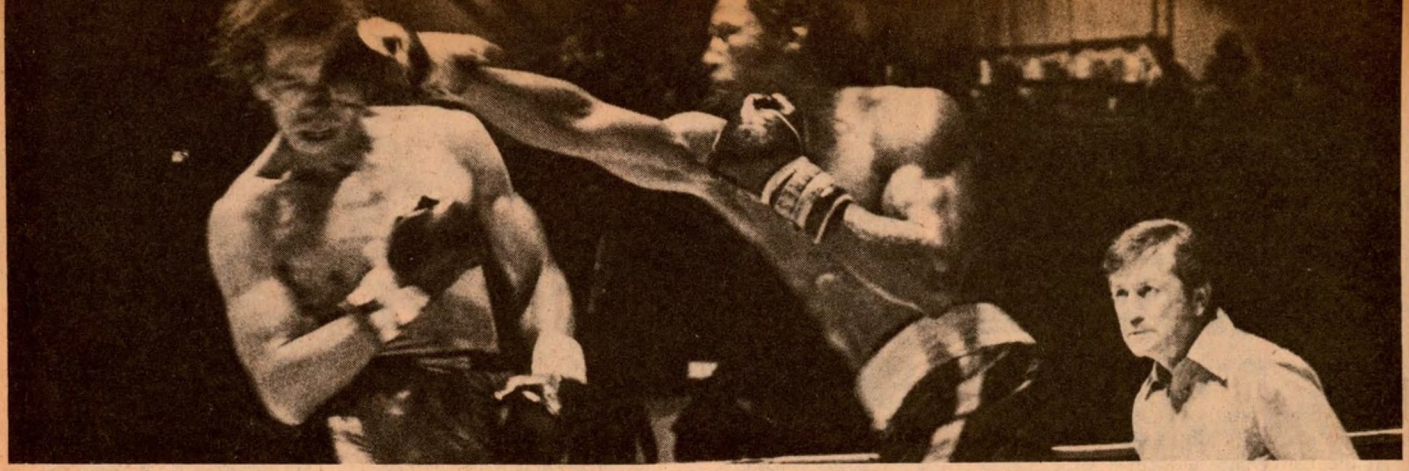


Sugar Ray Leonard stands over Dick Eklund after knocking him down in the eighth round of their ten-rounder at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston, Mass. Leonard won unanimous decision.



Jessie Burnett lands a right to the right eye of Yaqui Lopez during thieir fifteen-round U.S. light heavyweight title fight in Stockton , Claalifornia. Lopez won unanimous decision. (Photographs by Eliseo A. Ordaz, Jr.)

LOPEZ EDGES BURNETT IN U.S. TITLE BOUT THRILLER

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

STOCKTON — Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez and Jessie Burnett met for the fourth time in what turned out to be one of the best fights of the year in California. Lopez eked out a unanimous decision in a fifteen round bout that was a must-win fight for both men.

The fight was held at the Stockton Civic Auditorium and was for a pair of light heavyweight titles, *The Ring* Magazine's U.S. championship and the California state title. Three previous meetings between the two resulted in hotly disputed split decisions, two going to Burnett, one to Lopez. Return bouts are often lackluster—but not this one. It was a desperate struggle between two evenly matched fighters to stay in line for a possible world title shot. They fought fiercely, often without let up, bring the audience to a fever pitch.

Since their last meeting, in September, 1975, both men have challenged for versions of the world title; Lopez thrice, losing on points to John Conteh in Copenhagen in October, 1976, adn two times losing to Victor Galindez on verdicts that were disgraceful. Lopez destroyed Mike Rossman in New York earlier in the year for *The Ring* Magazine's U.S. light Heavyweight title.

Burnett was stopped in nine rounds by Miguel Cuello, then the WBC champ, in Monte Carlo in May, 77, after accepting the fight on three days' notice. Burnett holds knockout wins over Lonnie Bennett, Tony Mudine, Danny Brewer and Bobby Rascon, and a close decision lose to Victor Galindez in a non-title match.

Jack Cruz, match- maker and father-in-law to Lopez, said; We knew we had to bring in someone with a big name. We couldn't get someone out of the cemetery and expect the fans to buy tickets after they see Alvaro whip Galindez on T.V. for free. We needed a tough opponent, not a sausage. Alvaro wanted to get even with Brunett."

Similar thinking went on in the mind of Burnett's manager, shrewd and successful Jessie Reid. "We beat Lopez in his hometown twice, but that was a few years ago. Jessie needs a big win to push himself back into position for a title shot, so does Lopez. This is for more than two titles—it's for the big title money."

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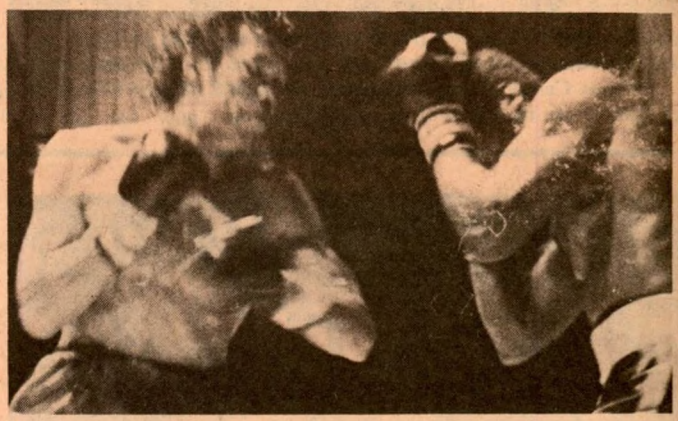
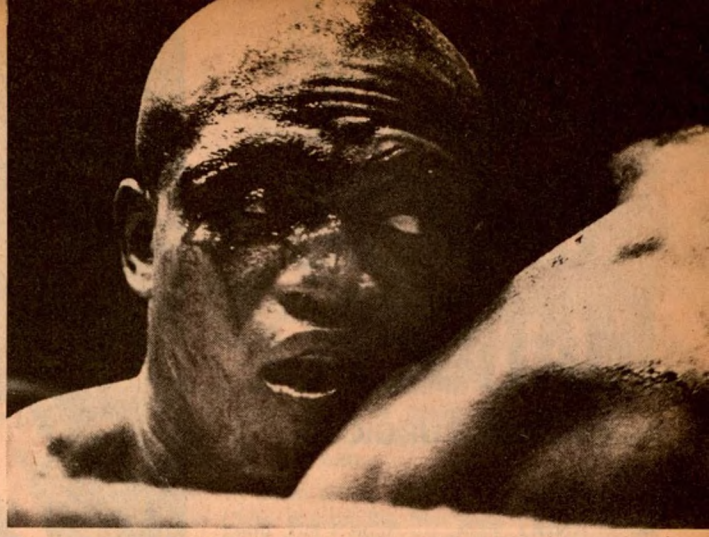


(Above) Burnett covers up against the ropes. (Below) Lopfz's handlers look after an ugly gash that Burnett opened across the bridge of Yaqui's nose. Lopez called Burnett "the toughest opponent I've ever faced."

TOMMY HANNAH UPSETS WALLACE

By ART HAGAN



The deep cut near Wallace's right eye is evident as the two fighters clinch. Hannah won a split decision.

FOR years Tommy Hannah has been saying that he could prove his claim that he is a little contender if he ever got the chance.

At the University of Detroit's Calihan Building, against well regarded Edgar (Bad News) Wallce, Hannah put his money where his mouth is. In a battle that has rarely been approached in the Motor City for sustained, exciting action. Hannah punched out a decision over Wallace by the most slender of margins.

This was not only one of the best fights seen in Detroit in decades, it was also one of the bloodiest. Hannah opened a deep cut near Wallace's right eye in the fourth round. Despite the best efforts of the corner men to stop the flow, Wallace never quite stopped bleeding the rest of the way.

Even Jake LaMotta, the old middleweight champion who has been in some notable blood-lettings himself, observed about the sixth round that the bout ought to be stopped. LaMotta had acted as a guest referee in a preliminary contest.

The commission doctor let the match continue because it was extremely close and the doctor judged that there was no impairment of Wallace's vision.

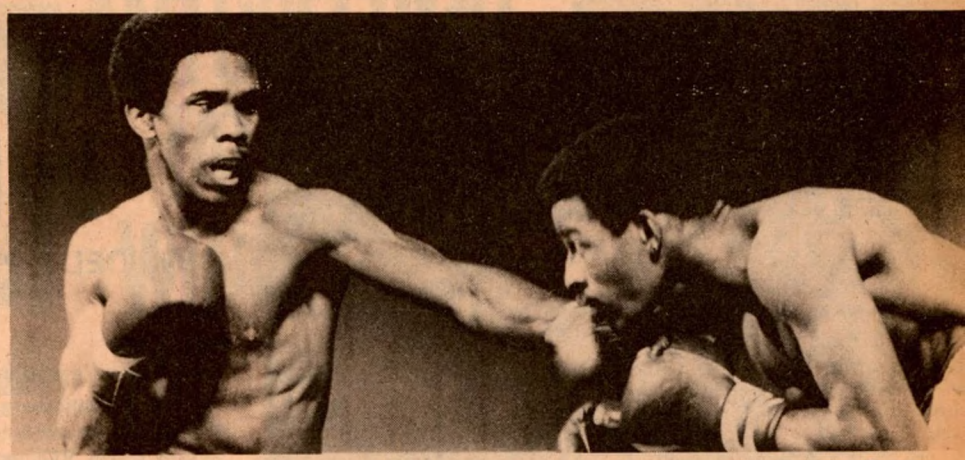
The match could hardly have been closer. Hannah dominated the early rounds but not by much. Wallace rallied in the sixth. By the ninth, his body attack seemed to have slowed Hannah down. Hannah, who was defending his Michigan middleweight champion against Wallace, had to take the tenth on a split decision. The two judges gave it to him, 10-9, and the referee called it for Wallce by the same count.

The crowd of about 2,700 rose cheering to its feet in the final minutes, Saluting two warriors who had given it all they had. Judge Ken Offet voted for Hannah, 97-75. Judge Abe Abeloff said Hannah, 96-95. Referee Bobby Watson had it dead even, 96-96.

Lawyer Larry Rattner and Joey DeSanto, who promoted the fight, were pleased that they had an artistic success. Immediately, they began to plan to bring Hannah back against a top middleweight. "I'll fight anybody," a happy Hannah said.

DAVIS SURVIVES TWO KNOCKDOWNS, BEATS GOINS

By MIKE SCHWARTZ



Former Olympic champion Howard Davis, Jr. measures his opponent, Norman Goins. Davis survived two knockdowns to take a unanimous decision.

OLYMPIC gold medalist Howard Davis, Jr. survived two knockdowns before getting his act together and out-pointing a very tough Norman Goins over ten action packed rounds via unanimous decision. This national televised bout saw Goins fighting in front of his family and friends in his home town of Indiannapolis, Indiana and he gave them plenty to shout about. The former national AAU and Golden Gloves champion caught the speedy Davis trying to pull away and landed an overhand right which sent Howard to the canvas. Davis got up quickly, appearing more embarrassed than hurt and managed to stay out of trouble for the remainder of the round.

Urged on by the partisan crowd, stormin' Norman began to press Davis in an effort to trap him along the ropes or in corners so that he could land the kayo punch. Davis, who makes Affirmed look like a one legged man with corns simply refused to oblige him however. Howard repeatedly took Goins to center ring where he used to jab and fast combinations to build himself a comfortable lead. To Norman's credit however, he stayed right in there plugging away in the hope that Davis would make another mistake.

He did. With the memory of that overhand right still lingering in the back of his mind, Davis walked into a beauty of a left hook and down he went again. On this occasion however, Howard did not rise quickly but took full advantage of the mandatory eight count. Again he fought his way out of trouble by going to center ring and by the ninth round had Goins on the verge of a kayo himself as he sent him to the mat for a count of eight.

Davis won the decision comfortably enough but he also raised a few questions with this victory. The 31-year-old Goins is not known as a terrific puncher and he had Davis down twice. Not only that, but Stor-

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CLARK UPSETS MARCELLE

By GEORGE CURCIO

Welterweight Scott Clark bores into Eddie Marcelle during their twelve-rounder at Orlando Sports Stadium. Scott won a split decision over Marcelle and gained his spot in the world ratings. (Photograph by Butch Shriver)

ORLANDO, FLA. — Scott Clark upset world-ranked Eddie Marcelle and the 8-5 odds by copping a twelve-round split decision in a crowd-pleaser at the Orlando Sports Stadium.

Clark, the nineteen-year old "Golden Boy" of the Pete Ashlock stable, entered the bout with a 26-1 record that looked impressive by the numbers alone but not by the names contained within. His biggest wins had been a six-round stoppage of Ron Pettigrew and two knockouts of Anthony House.

Marcelle, on the other hand, brought a 14-1 slate into the bout, with wins over opponents considered in a higher class than those of Clark. Marcelle, of Miami by way of Trinidad and Tobago, was ranked number eight in the world by The Ring and WBC and number nine by the WBA.

Once the two 147-pounders entered the ring, however, it was clear that Clark was intent upon making the Miamian his stepping stone into prominence. The Orlandoan began by counterpunching wisely versus Marcelle's quick outshoots; by the middle rounds, Clark and trainer Dom Polo "noticed that Marcelle kept leaning on me, leaving him open for body shots," Clark recalled. "So I just started digging to the body on him—I know the shots were hurting him and he wasn't doing anything about it, so I just kept driving them home."

Marcelle, after dropping the middle frames, attempted a late stage comeback, but could not overcome Clark, who surprisingly was willing to stand toe-to-toe and slug with

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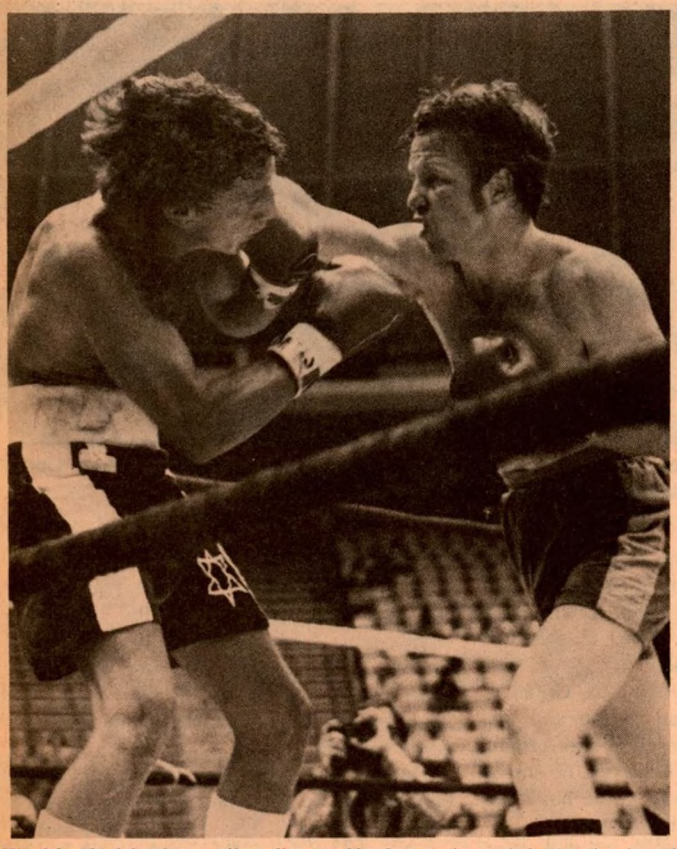

World-rated junior welter Jimmy Heair sends a right to the head of Jimmy Corkum in their scheduled ten-round main event in Hattiesburg, Miss. Heair stopped Corkum in the third.

Pro Boxing Back In Hattiesburg

By JOEL LIPSITT

HATTIESBURG, MISS. — There hadn't been a pro boxing show in Hattiesburg, Miss. since July 8, 1889, where they held the last bare knuckle nosebleeder of any consequence back on a hill then called Richburg. And that was 89 years ago when Sullivan KO'd Kilrain in 75 rounds. And there might not be any more pro fights in this area for another 89 more years. While the actual show was thought to be first class and highly enjoyable by the few who attended, including fight people from New York, Boston and New Orleans, the card simply was a financial disaster.

Young Murry Roark, a refreshing and innovative Greenville, Miss. promoter who booked the beautiful 10,000 seat Bernard Reed Green Coliseum on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi for the fights, took a drubbing of somewhere between ten and $15,000. "I don't think people ever realized what happened in Hattiesburg," quoted Roark, who couldn't believe the mere 1,199 fans that showed up. "We lost, but we hopefully also gained. We showed people that we can put on a world class fight card," he said.

This writer, for the first time, became an overtly ambitious pioneering matchmaker and brought in three nationally ranked

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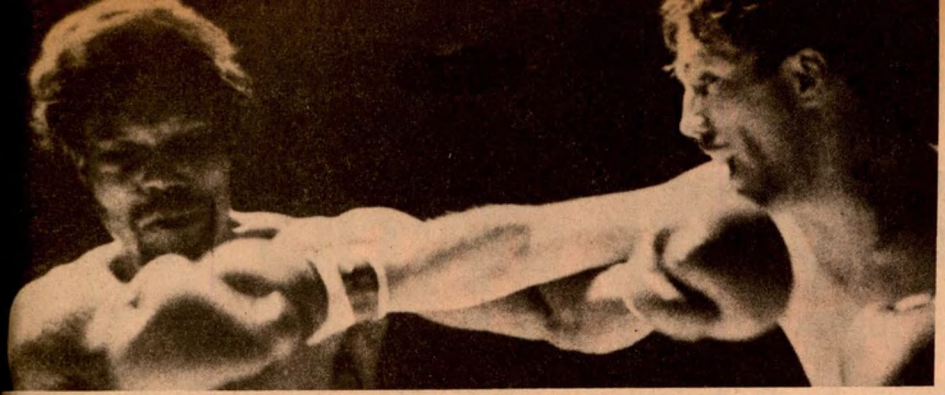
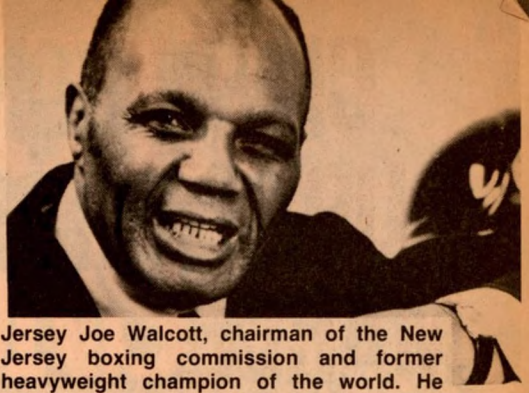


Dale Staley bounces a right hand off Conway Bowling's jaw during their bout in North Bergen, N.J. Staley stopped his man in the third round.



Jersey Joe Walcott, chairman of the New Jersey boxing commission and former heavyweight champion of the world. He has engineered as astounding revival of boxing in New Jersey in the short time that he's been in office.

Renaissance In Jersey

Story and Photos By STEVEN C. LOSCH

FORMER heavyweight champion Arnold Cream borrowed the name of the Garden State, during his boxing career as Jersey Joe Walcott. He still goes by his old ring handle, but now it is preceded by the title of Commissioner. For too many years if you thought about boxing in New Jersey at all, you remembered Walcott, of course, possibly Chuck Wepner, and then you drew a blank. For too many years professional pugilism was virtually non-existent in that state, with its population of *six million* potential paying customers.

Since Walcott was appointed to office, *one year ago*, he has been busy repaying New Jersey for the use of its name. In that short time he has engineered an astounding revival of the long-dormat sport. Small clubs are prospering in North Bergen, Tottowa, Trenton, Newark, and Atlantic City. Several shows, such as the recent Lou Duva promotion featuring Kevin Smith versus Mike Quarry, have attracted sell-out crowds with mostly local talent. On June 2nd, promoter Al Certo put on the first fight card in the spacious Jersey City Armory since Sonny Liston stopped Chuck Wepner there, back in 1970.

Wepner has held the N.J. heavyweight title for *seven* years. He recently headlined two cards in his home state, after an absence of four years. Commissioner Walcott has also revived the long-vacant state championships in the other divisions. A show staged in North Bergen during the month of May featured not less then two state championship contests.

This abundance of activity on the club level is producing a fine crop of local pr-

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Middleweight contender Vito Antuofermo throws a right at Willie Warren during their ten-rounder. (Photographs by Steven C. Losch)

ANTUOFERMO, TATE, ARE WINNERS AT THE GARDEN

By SAM TAUB

THE Summer Festival at the Garden, made up of forty-eight rounds of scrapping, wasn't a bad show at all. Truth to tell, the smll paid turnout of 4,520, which paid a gross of $44,667 to see the Teddy Brenner show, got their money's worth even if the feature ten between Vito Antuofermo, the Brooklyn challenger for middleweight laurels, and willing Willie Walker, of Sweetwater, Texas, was boxing these boys threw plenty of leather. Warren was willing but he was well outclassed as both managed to go the route, with Antuofermo winning an unanimous decision. Warren, who hails from Sweetwater, where former lightweight king Lew Jenkins came from, got in some telling punches but when it was over there was no doubt about the winner. It wasn't a thriller; they went the route in a scrap that became dull. The winner scaled 160 pounds and the loser 161.

But there was plenty of action during most of the other skirmishes. There was action and excitement and the crowd enjoyed it. For one, there was the quick kayo win by the former Olympian, Big John Tate, over unbeaten Bernardo Mercado, from Monteria, Columbia, who scaled respectively at 226¼ and 222 pounds. The finish came after 2:24 of the second round when Tate started to bombard his man with both hands, stunning

Bernardo Mercado is on the way out. John Tate stopped him in 2:24 of the s ond round. Tate is now 13-0 as a ofessional.

Mercado. As he continued being punch referee Joe Santarpia intervened. The win ran his unbeaten skein to thirteen wins w out a defeat. Mercado protested the halt of the fight but the arbiter was right in action. Tate, hailing from Knoxville, Ter had his man badly stunned.

The best fight of the night was the eig round welter scrap between the two I gladiators, Johnny Turner, of Brookl 145½, and Pat Maloney, from little New York, 145, in a terrific give-and-t affair, which finally wound up when refe Tony Perez intervened after 1:05 of eighth and final round elapsed.

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BWA HONORS TAUB, NORTON, SLAYTON, DUNDEE, WATERS

By NAT LOUBET

THERE couldn't have been a better evening for the fifty-third Annual Boxing Writers Association dinner at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City.

Bill Gallo, the eminent cartoonist and writer of *The New York Daily News*, presided, and John Condon, Vice President of Madison Square Garden, ran the festivities as the Master of Ceremonies. As the evening got under way the assemblage looked out over New York Harbor to a blazing sunset.

The dinner rarely holds surprises and is mainly the show case for the prestigious awards bestowed on the men of the boxing world whom the writers feel are deserving of recognition.

The awards being present were for 1977 and the James J. Walker Memorial "For Long and Meritorious Service to Boxing" was bestowed on Chris Dundee. The program describing the gift said it all when it referred to Dundee, a manager and promoter, with one word, "CLASS."

I have known Chris and his brother Angelo for over thirty years and the man is a legend in his own time. Despite the many champions and near champions whom Chris has managed I always remember him for his role as the mentor of Ken Overlin, at the time the middleweight champion of the world. Probably, because it was at that time that I first made the acquaintance of Chris.

He now promotes in Miami Beach, Florida, and has added to the entourage his grandson, Mike, who, on his own is doing a creditable job managing fighters.

The Edward J. Neil Award, named after a man who lost his life in the Spanish Civil War and who had been one of "the boys" on the boxing beat before his passing, is given to "The Fighter Of The Year."

For the year 1977 Ken Norton, the WBC heavyweight champion

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Nat Loubet, editor and publisher of The Ring, presents the first "Sam Taub Award" for "excellence in broadcast boxing journalism, to ninety-one-year-old Sam Taub. Ken Norton and Chris Dundee join in the applause.

LITTLE LATIN CHAMPIONS WHO MADE BIG NOISE

THE HISTORY OF LATIN KINGS FROM THE FLYWEIGHTS THROUGH THE JUNIOR WELTERS

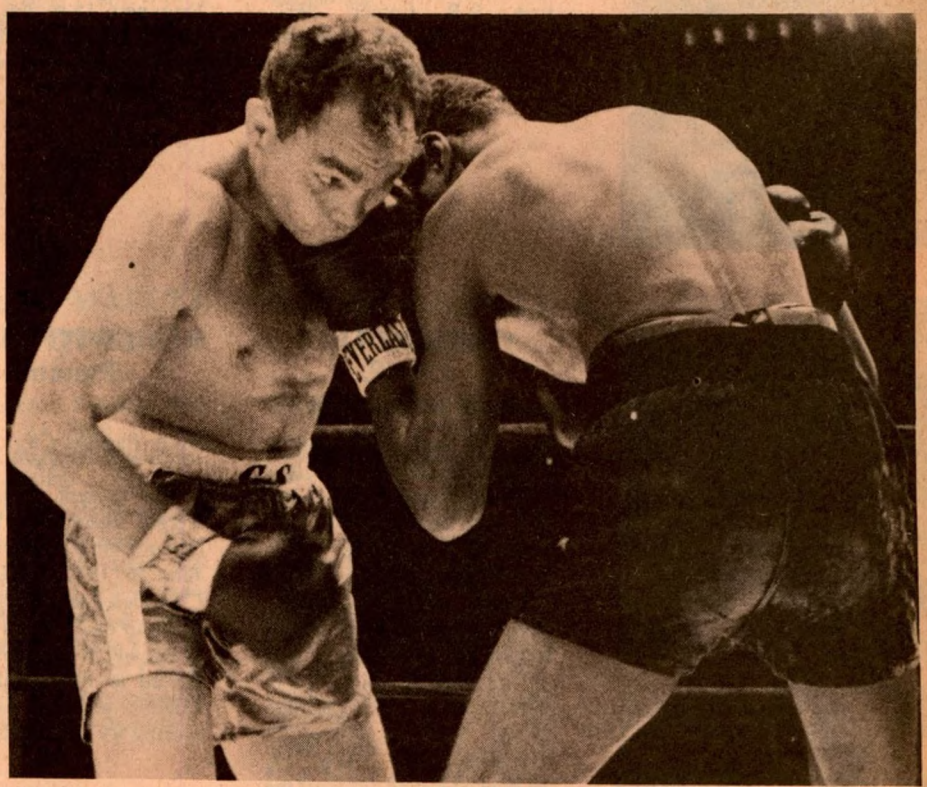
By JOHN ORT

OVER the next seven pages, we will look at the best of the Latin champions in the lower divisions, from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Brazil, Colombia, and Argentina.

Some of the names will ring a bell to fite fans, while others will be just a memory of a bout held long ago.

Names that will be remembered: Ismael Laguna, Carlos Ortiz, Roberto Duran, Vicente Saldivar, Alexis Arguello, Sixto Escobar, Eder Jofre, Ruben Olivares, Alfonso Zamora, Miguel Canto, Antonio Cervantes, Wilfred Benitez, Kid Chocolate, Samuel Serrano, and Wilfredo Gomez.

The following names may stir up some memories: Juan Zurita, Lauro Salas, Carlos Cruz, Sugar Ramos, Jose Legra, Clemente Sanchez, Ernesto Marcel, Joe Becerra, Chucho Castillo, Rafael Herrera, Enrique Pinder, Romeo Anaya, Jorge Lujan, Pascual Perez, Efran Torres, Carlos Hernandez, Nicolino Loche, Alfonso Fraser, and Alfredo Marcano.



Carlos Ortiz and Ismael Laguna mix it up during early round action in their championship rubber bout for the world lightweight title in Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York, August 16, 1967. Ortiz won unanimous decision.

JUAN ZURITA
Mexico

Born: Guadalajara, Mexico 1914

NBA lightweight champion from Mar. 8, 1944 - Apr. 18, 1945. Won the title from Sammy Angott over 15 rounds, in Hollywood, Calif. Lost the crown to Ike Williams, in Mexico City, via kayo in two. Career: 1932-1945. Lifetime record: 115-21-2, scoring 38 knockouts.

LAURO SALAS
Mexico

Born: Monterey, Mexico, 1927

World lightweight champion from May 14, 1952 - Oct. 15, 1952. Won the title on a 15 round decision over Jimmy Carter in Los Angeles, Calif. Lost the crown to Carter in a return go, via 15 round nod. His career: 1946-1961. Lifetime record: 83-52-12, 1 ND, scoring 39 knockouts.

ISMAEL LAGUNA
Panama

Born: Colon, Panama, June 28, 1943

World lightweight champion twice, 1965 and 1970. Won the title in 1965 from Carlos Ortiz, 15 rounds in Panama City. Lost to Ortiz in a return Nov. 13, 1965. Won the title 1970 from Mando Ramos, Los Angeles, kayo nine, lost to Ken Buchanan, 15 rounds on Sept. 26, in San Juan, P.R. Career: 1961-1972. Lifetime record: 64-9-1, scoring 36 knockouts.

CARLOS ORTIZ
Puerto Rico

Born Ponce, Puerto Rico, Sept. 9, 1936

Two time lightweight king, 1962 - 1965 and 1965 - 1968. Junior welter king from 1959 - 1960. Won the light crown first on Apr. 21, beating Joe Brown in 15 rounds. Lost and regained the title to Ismael Laguna in 1965, both on 15 round nods. Lost the title to Carlos Cruz, June 29, in Santo Domingo, 15 rounds. Career: 1955 - 1972. Lifetime record: 61-7-1, one ND, scoring 29 knockouts.

CARLOS TEO CRUZ
Dominican Rep.

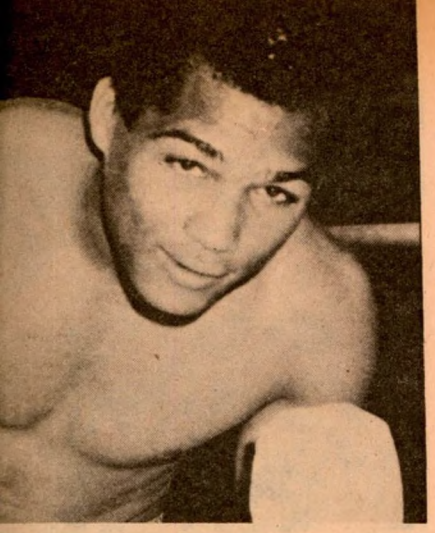
Born: Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. Nov. 4, 1937

World lightweight champion from June 20, 1968 - Feb. 18, 1969. Won the crown from Carlos Ortiz in Santo Domingo, via 15-round decision. Lost the title to Mando Ramos in Los Angeles, Calif. by an eleventh round kayo. Career: 1959 - 1970. Lifetime record: 42-13-2, scoring 13 knockouts. Died: Feb. 15, 1970 in an airline crash off the coast of the Dominican Republic.

ROBERTO DURAN
Panama

Born: Panama City, June 16, 1951

The current world lightweight champion. Won the crown from Ken Buchanan on June 26, 1972, in New York City. Defended the title twelve times to date. Holds both the WBA and WBC titles. Career started in 1967. Still active. Lifetime record to date: 62-1, scoring 49 knockouts.



SUGAR RAMOS
Cuba

Born: Matanzas, Cuba, Dec. 2, 1941

World featherweight king from Mar. 21, 1963 - Sept. 26, 1964. Won the title via kayo in ten from Dave Moore, Los Angeles, Calif. Moore died from injuries received from this bout. Lost crown to Vicente Saldivar, kayo in 12, Mexico City. Career: 1957 - 1972. Lifetime record: 54-7-4, scoring 39 knockouts.

VICENTE SALDIVAR
Mexico

Born: Mexico City, Mexico, May 3, 1943

Two-time world featherweight champion, 1964 - 1967 and 1970. Won crown first time Sept. 26, halting Sugar Ramos, 12. Retired undefeated on Oct. 14, 1967. Regained title May 9, 1970, via 15 round nod over Johnny Famechon, in Rome, Italy. Lost title to Kuniaki Shibata, Dec. 11, 1970, kayo in 13th, Tijuana, Mexico. Career: 1961 - 1973. Lifetime record: 36-3-0, scoring 25 knockouts.

JOSE LEGRA
Cuba

Born: Santiago, Cuba, Apr. 19, 1943

WBC featherweight champion 1972 - 1973. Won the title on Dec. 16, 1972, when then champion Clement Sanchez could not make the weight limit. WBC awarded him the title. He went on to kayo Sanchez in ten rounds over the weight. Lost title on May 4, 1973, via 15 round nod to Eder Jofre, in Brasilia, Brazil. Career: 1961 - 1973. Lifetime record: 135-12-4, scoring 49 knockouts.

CLEMENTE SANCHEZ
Mexico

Born: Monterrey, Mexico, July 9, 1947

World featherweight king in 1972. Won the crown from Kuniaki Shibata in Tokyo, Japan via knockout in three rounds. Vacated the title on Dec. 16, 1973, no longer could make the weight limit. Jose Legra was awarded the WBC part of the crown. Career: 1963 - 1975. Lifetime record: 45-10-3, scoring 30 knockouts.

ERNESTO MARCEL
Panama

Born: Colon, Panama, May 23, 1948

WBA featherweight champion from 1972 - 1974. Won the WBA crown from Antonio Gomez in Maracay, Venezuela, Aug. 19, 1972. Retired undefeated WBA champion after defeating Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, Feb. 16, 1974, in Panama City. Career: 1968 - 1974. Lifetime record: 41-4-2, scoring 24 knockouts.

ALEXIS ARGUELLO
Nicaragua

Born: Managua, Nicaragua Apr. 19, 1952

World featherweight king 1975 - 1977, WBA featherweight king from 1974. Won world crown from Rigoberto Riasco, May 31, 1975, kayo two, Managua, Nicaragua. Won WBA title Nov. 23, 1974, from Ruben Olivares in Los Angeles, Calif., kayo 13. Gave up title June 20, 1977; no longer could make the weight limit. Now holds the WBC junior light title, won from Alfredo Escalera, Jan. 28, 1978, in San Juan, P.R. Career: 1968 - still active. Lifetime record to date: 56-3-0, scoring 47 knockouts.

EUSEBIO PEDROZA
Panama

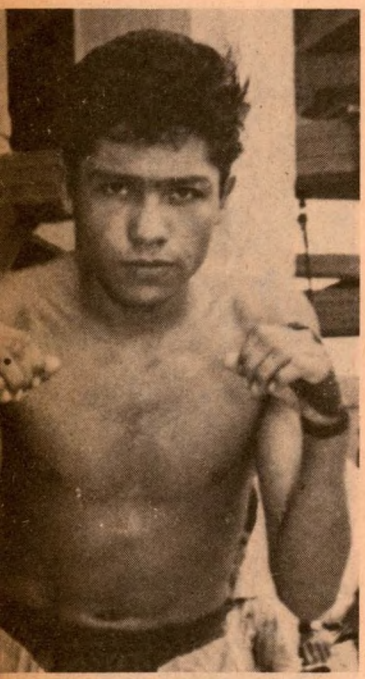
Born: Panama City, Panama
Feb. 3, 1956

WBA featherweight champion 1978, still current king as we go to press. Won the title from Spain's Cecilio Lastra, via kayo in 13, in Panama City, Panama on Apr. 16, 1978. Retained crown against Mexico's Ernesto Herrera July 2, 1978. Defending against Sean O'Grady as we go to press. Lifetime record to date: 19-3-0, scoring 13 knockouts.

SIXTO ESCOBAR
Puerto Rico

Born: Barcelona, P.R., March 23, 1913

World bantamweight king 1936 - 1937, again 1938 - 1939. Two time NBA bantamweight king 1934 - 1935 and 1935 - 1937. Won world title first time Aug. 31, 1936, kayoing Tony Marino, 13, lost to Henry Jaffra, N.Y.C., Sept. 23, 1937, regained it from Jaffra, Feb. 20, 1938, vacated crown on Oct. 4, 1939; no longer could make weight limit. Career: 1931 - 1940, lifetime record: 42-18-4, scoring 21 knockouts.



JOE BECERRA
Mexico

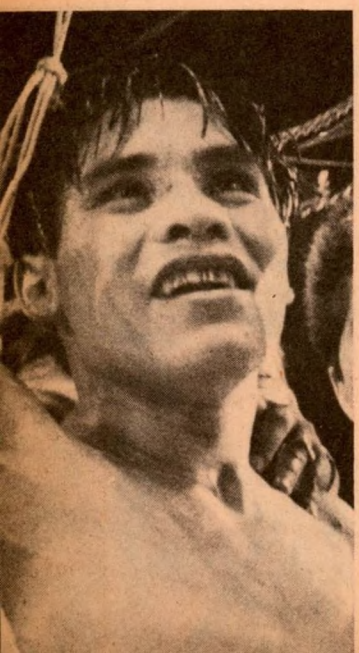
Born: Guadalajara, Mexico, April 15, 1936

World Bantamweight king from 1959 - 1960. Won the title from Alphonse Halimi, in Los Angeles, Calif., via kayo in eight. Defended title two times before retiring undefeated after a non-title bout against Eloy Sanchez, Aug. 30, 1960. His career: 1953 - 1962. Came back for one bout in 1962. Lifetime record: 71-5-2, scoring 42 knockouts.

EDER JOFRE
Brazil

Born: March 26, 1936, Sao Paulo, Brazil

World bantamweight king, 1961 - 1965, WBC feather king, 1972 - 1973. NBA bantam champion 1960. Won world bantam title, Mar. 25, 1960, kayoed Piero Rolle, 10. Lost to Fighting Harada, May 17, 1965, Tokyo. Defeated Jose Legra, 15, May 5, 1973, to win WBC featherweight title, retired undefeated in 1973. NBA bantam king, Nov. 18, 1960, beat Eloy Sanchez, 6. Career: 1967 - 1976. Lifetime record: 69-2-4, scoring 48 knockouts.



RUBEN OLIVARES
Mexico

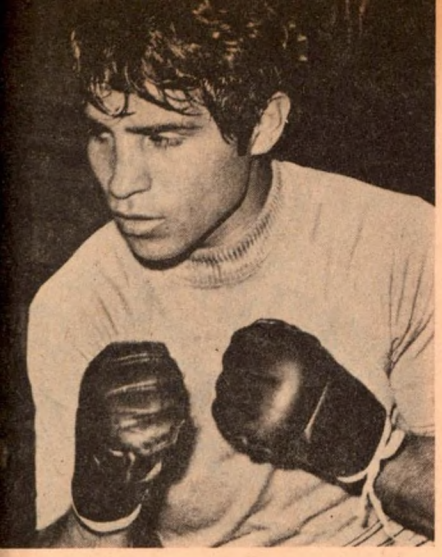
Born: Jan. 14, 1947, Mexico City, Mexico

Two time world bantamweight king, two time feather champion, WBA and WBC. Won world bantam title Aug. 22, 1969, stopping Lionel Rose, Lost title to Chuchu Castillo, Oct. 16, 1970. Regained from Castillo on Apr. 3, 1971. Lost it the second time to Rafael Herrera, Mar. 19, 1972. Won WBA feather title, July 9, 1974, lost it Nov. 23, same year to Alexis Arguello. WBC featherweight king from June 20, 1975 until Sept. 20, 1975, lost to Dave Kotey. Career: 1965 - still active. Lifetime record to date: 81-9-1, scoring 72 knockouts.

CHUCHU CASTILLO
Mexico

Born: June 17, 1944 in Mexico

World bantamweight champion 1970 - 1971. Won the crown from Ruben Olivares on Oct. 16, 1970, lost it back to Ruben on Apr. 3, 1971, via 15 round nod in Los Angeles, Calif. Career: 1962 - 1975. Lifetime record: 42-16-2, scoring 21 knockouts.



RAFAEL HERRERA
Mexico

Born: January 7, 1945, Mexico

World bantamweight king, 1972. WBC bantamweight champion 1973 - 1974. Won the world title Mar. 19, 1972, from Ruben Olivares, rounds. Lost to Enrique Pinder, July 30, 1970 in Panama City. Kayoed Rodolfo Martinez Apr. 15, 1973 to win WBC bantam title, lost to Martinez on Dec. 7, 1974, via kayo in four. Career: 1963 - 1976. Lifetime record: 47-10-5, scoring 19 knockouts.

ENRIQUE PINDER
Panama

Born Aug. 7, 1947, Panama City, Panama

World bamtamweight champion 1972 - 1973. Won the crown from Rafael Herrera, via 15 round decision, in Panama City. Lost the title to Romeo Anaya, Mexico, on Jan. 20, 1973, via kayo in three. Career: 1966 - 1973. Lifetime record: 36-5-2, scoring 14 knockouts.

ROMEO ANAYA
Mexico

Born: April 5, 1946, Mexico

World bantamweight champion, 1973. Won the crown from Enrique Pinder, via kayo, three, in Panama City. Lost the title to Arnold Taylor, South Africa, Nov. 3, 1973, kayo in 14. Still active. Career started 1967. Lifetime record to date: 40-13-1, knockouts 33.

ALFONSO ZAMORA
Mexico

Born: Feb. 9, 1955, Mexico

World bantamweight king from 1975 - 1977. Won the crown from Soo Hwan Hong, South Korea, Mar. 14, 1975, in Los Angeles, Calif., via kayo in four. Lost the title to Panama's Jorge Lujan, Nov. 19, 1977, Los Angeles, Calif. Still active. Career started 1973. Lifetime record to date: (prior to 1973 unavailable): 23-1-0, scoring 23 knockouts.

WILFREDO GOMEZ
Puerto Rico

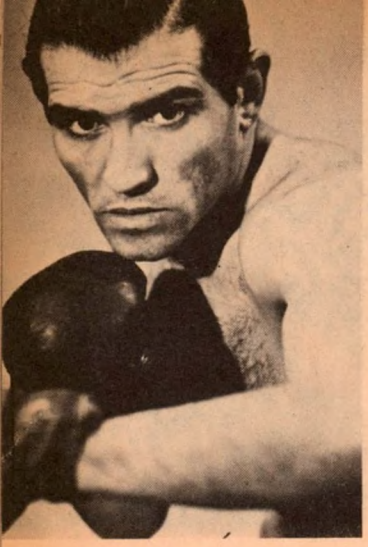
Born: (unavailable)

WBC super-bantamweight king 1977 to date. Won the title from Yum Dong-Kyun, South Korea, on May 21, 1977, via kayo in twelve rounds. Has made four defenses of his crown, last being a three round kayo over Sakad Porntavee, in Thailand. Career started 1974. Lifetime record to date: 19-0-1, scoring 19 knockouts.

JORGE LUJAN
Panama

Born: Colon, Panama, March 18, 1955

World bantamweight champion 1977 to date. Won the title from Alfonso Zamora, Nov. 19, 1977, scoring a ten round knockout. Last time out he defended against Mexico's Roberto Rubaldino, whom he kayoed in eleven. Career: 1973 - still active. Lifetime record to date: 18-2-0, scoring 11 knockouts.



PASCUAL PEREZ
Argentina

Born: Mar. 4, 1926, Tupungate, Argentina

World flyweight champion 1954-1960. Won the title on Nov. 26, 1954, via 15 round decision over Japan's Yoshio Shirai, in Tokyo, Japan. Lost the crown on Apr. 16, 1960, via 15 round nod to Thailand's Pone Kingpetch, in Thailand. Olympic flyweight champion in the 1948 London games. Career: 1952 - 1963. Lifetime record: 83-7-1, knockouts, 56.

EFREN TORRES
Mexico

Born Nov. 29, 1943, Guadalajara, Mexico

World flyweight champion from 1969 - 1970. Won the title from Chartchai Chionoi, Feb. 23, 1969, in Mexico City, kayo in eight. Lost the crown back to Chionoi on Mar. 20, 1970, in Thailand, 15 round decision. Career: 1961 - 1972. Lifetime record: 48-9-1, scoring 31 knockouts.

MIGUEL CANTO
Mexico

Born: Merida, Mexico, Jan. 30, 1949

The current world flyweight king. Won the title on Jan. 8, 1975, in Sendai, Japan, with a 15 round decision over local Shoji Oguma. This was for the vacant world title. Thailand's Venice Borkorsor gave up the title in 1973. Career: 1969 - still active. Lifetime record to date: 53-4-3, scoring 14 knockouts.

CARLOS HERNANDEZ
Venezuela

Born: Apr. 21, 1940, Venezuela

World junior welterweight champion 1965 - 1966. Won the title on Jan. 18, 1965, with a 15 round nod over Chicago's Eddie Perkins, in Caracas, Venezuela. Lost title to Italy's Sandro Lopopolo, Apr. 29, 1966, via 15 round decision, in Rome, Italy. Career: 1959 - 1971. Lifetime record: 56-11-4, scoring 39 knockouts.

NICOLINO LOCHE
Argentina

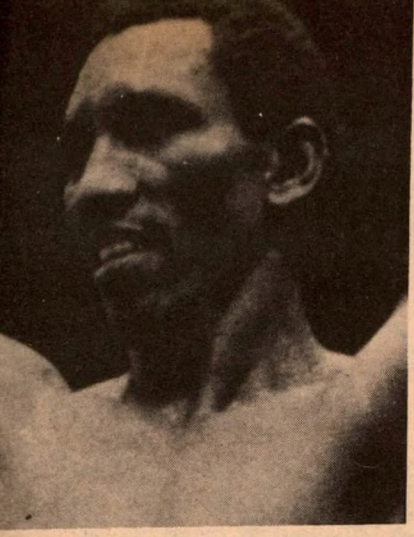
Born: Sept. 2, 1939, Mendoza, Argentina

World junior welterweight champion 1968 - 1972. Won title from Hawaii's Paul Fujii, on Dec. 12, 1968, with a kayo in ten, in Tokyo, Japan. Lost the title to Alfonso Frazer, Panama, in Panama City, on Mar. 10, 1972, via 15 round decision. Career: 1958 - 1976. Lifetime record: 118-4-14, scoring 14 knockouts.

ALFONSO FRASER
Panama

Born: Jan. 17, 1948, Panama City, Panama

World junior welterweight champion, 1971. Won the title Mar. 10, 1972, with a 15 round decision over Nicolino Loche, Argentina, in Panama City. Lost title Oct. 28, 1972, to Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, via kayo in ten, in Panama City. Career: 1965 - 1975. Lifetime record: 30-10-1, scoring 22 knockouts.



ANTONIO CERVANTES
Colombia
COLOMBIA

Born: Dec. 23, 1945, San Basilio de Palenque, Colombia

World junior welterweight champion 1972 - 1976. WBA junior welter king 1977 to date. Won the world title, Oct. 28, 1972, via kayo in ten over Alfonso Frazer, Panama, in Panama. Lost to Wilfred Benitez, P.R., on Mar. 6, 1976, via 15 round nod, in San Juan. Won the WBA title from Carlos Giminez, Argentina, June 25, 1977, kayo six, after WBA stripped Benitez of the crown. Career: 1964 - still active. Lifetime record: 81-9-3, scoring 38 knockouts.

WILFREDO BENITEZ
Puerto Rico

Born: (Unavailable)

Current world junior welterweight champion. Won the crown on Mar. 6, 1976, in San Juan, P.R., with a 15 round decision. Was stripped of title by the WBA Apr. 1977. Defended the crown three times, last being against Ray Chavez in New York, Aug. 3, 1977. Career: 1973 - still active. Lifetime record: 31-0-1, scoring 20 knockouts.

KID CHOCOLATE
Cuba

Born: Jan. 6, 1910, Cerro, Cuba

World junior lightweight champion 1931 - 1933. New York state world featherweight king 1932 - 1933. Won world junior lightweight title from Benny Bass, July 15, 1931, Philadelphia, Pa. Lost same to Frankie Klick, Philadelphia on Dec. 26, 1933. Won N.Y. feather title from Lew Feldman, N.Y.C., Oct. 13, 1932. Outgrew the division in 1933. Career: 1927 - 1938, lifetime record: 145-10-6, scoring 64 knockouts.

ALFREDO MARCANO
Venezuela

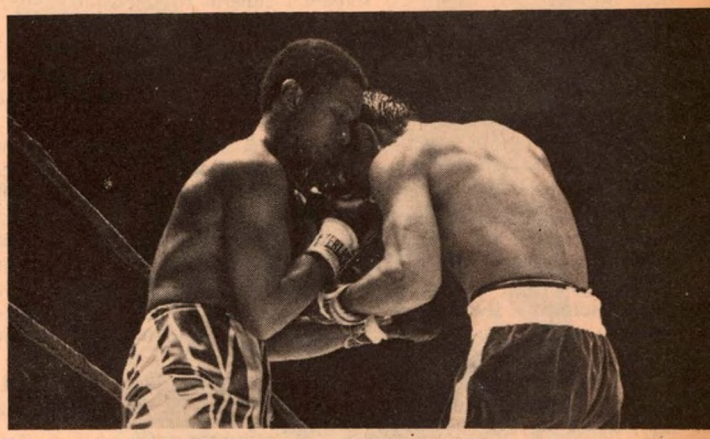
Born: Jan. 7, 1947, Sucre, Venezuela

Won the world junior lightweight title on July 29, 1971, with a ten round knockout over Japan's Kenji Iwata, in Caracas, Venezuela. Held the title until Apr. 25, 1972, when he was defeated by Ben Villaflor, Philippines, in Honolulu. Career: 1966 - 1975. Lifetime record: 41-13-5, knockouts 27.

SAMUEL SERRANO
Puerto Rico

Born: San Juan, Puerto Rico (Date unavailable)

The current world junior lightweight champion. Won title from Ben Villaflor, Philippines, Oct. 16, 1976, via 15 round decision. Has made six defenses, last being over Korea's Oh Young Ho, nine rounds, San Juan, P.R. Career: 1969 - still active. Lifetime record: 32-2-1, knockouts 12.



Esteban DeJesus and lightweight champ Roberto Duran in their ten-round non-title fight in New York's Madison Square Garden on November 17, 1972. DeJesus won on points. It is the only fight Duran has lost.

Bell and Broom: Waiting In The Wings In Washington

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Since February, 1977, when Sugar Ray Leonard made his professional debut, boxing news from the nation's capital has been dominated by the 22-year-old former Olympic gold medalist.

But what about the other fistic talents developing in the immediate area? As always in the fight game, there are numerous young hopefuls waiting in the wings . . . and in an apparent boom era for boxing, there is quality to match quantity.

A promising young middleweight who fits this description is Wilson Bell, now 6-3 as a pro. Wilson is originally from Detroit and has recently fought out of South Portland, Me.

Although Wilson compiled a 49-5 amateur record which includes a Detroit area Golden Glove title as a 139-pounder, and later was an Interservice 147-pound champion during Marine Corps service from 1973-75, public recognition has been slow in coming his way.

When Wilson turned pro in Detroit, the 5-9" 154-pounder found fights hard to come by. Local up-and-comers such as Tommy Hearns, and Mickey Goodwin wanted no part of the muscular Bell.

With his career stagnating after just a handful of fights, Wilson even toyed with the idea of giving up boxing. After all, he did have a $25,000 a year job as an inspector with the Ford Motor Company and the pay for boxing was peanuts.

But then, mid-way through 1977 Wilson tied up with veteran manager Chris Cline and the Detroiter's career began a steady upward swing. Cline, who in the past has handled such top-notchers as bantamweight Pappy Gault in the early 50's and then Jr. middle Irish Mike Baker, improved Wilson's general ringmanship and in particular polished his jab into a potent weapon.

The results began to show quickly . . . on Thanksgiving night, 1977 Bell kayoed Jerry Huston in four rounds at Portland and then on Jan. 5 he handled 115-fight veteran Irish Beau Jaynes with ease over eight rounds at the same venue.

But then came a rocky patch—Bell fought Baltimore's Alvin Anderson on March 13 for the U.S. Junior Middleweight title, originally held by Mike Baker. According to two wire services, Bell was leading on points going into the tenth round of a scheduled twelve-rounder, but then tired. With Anderson landing several punches with little return, the referee halted the bout. In his next outing against New Yorker Marvin Jenkins at White Plains, N.Y., Bell battered his foe over six frames, cutting Jenkins' eye and putting ten stiches in his nose . . . but as so often happens out of town, the decision favored Jenkins.

"There's no way I should have lost that fight," explained Bell, "but I'm not discouraged. I'm confident that with Chris managing me I will move up and get a title shot soon."

In the near future, Chris and Wilson are pointing for an Anderson rematch and possibly a bout with Odell Leonard, Sugar Ray's cousin.

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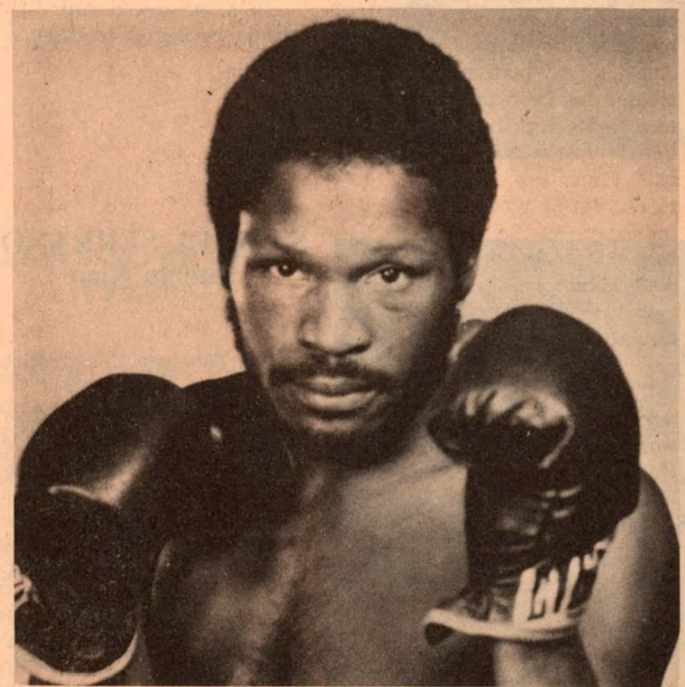
Wilson Bell, a promising young middleweight now fighting out of South Portland, Maine. Wilson turned pro after compiling a 49-5 record as an amateur.



Keith Broom, middleweight, won the National Golden Gloves middleweight title in 1976 and the AAU 165-pound title in 1977. He's won ten straight fights since turning pro.

OSCAR MUNIZ: BANTAM THREAT

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The last time an American won the bantaweight title was almost thirty-seven years ago when Manuel Ortiz turned the trick. It's been a long drought for Americans climbing the top rung of the 118-pound division. However things are looking up for 118-pounders especially with classy 23-year-old Oscar Muniz surfacing as a topnotch bantaweight contender. In the past Oscar was better known fistically as the cousin of welterweight Mando Muniz. But in the last twelve months Muniz has posted ten straight wins in Los Angeles, scoring seven knockouts. Fistically, Oscar Muniz has all the ring potentials to capture the bantaweight title. The clever Pico-Rivera, Calif. banty is manged by Benny Georgino nad trained by Johnny Montes.

"Oscar stands a good chance of fighting for the WBC bantaweight title within a year," said manager Georgino. Oscar's only ring setback came on October 13, 1976, when he lost a decision to veteran Richard Rozells in seven rounds. Muniz launcehd his career on August 19, 1976, scoring a four round verdict over Carlos Alcivar in Los Angeles. A sharp puncher, Muniz has increased his kayo total with nine KOs in fifteen fights with one draw. Muniz is exceptionally fast with his hands and a good boxer." Oscar has a tendency to get wild at times. But he's coming around. He's punching much harder now. I'm really lucky to have two outstand-bantaweights in my stable with Muniz and Albert Davila," said manager Georgino. One of Muniz's most spectacular wins was his one round kayo triumph over Jose Rosa at the Olympic Auditorium.

"I think knocking out Sesa in one round was my most satisfying win because Rosa went five rounds with Carlos Zarate," said Oscar. Oscar has five brothers and four sisters and boxing runs in the family with cousins Mando and Javier Muniz. Muniz's last fistic encounter at the Olympic Boxing Club saw him stop Danny O'Campo in five rounds. Oscar's torrid kayo streak took place during much of 1977 when he kayoed seven straight opponents. Included in the kayo enslaught were Jose Rosa, Raul Pacheco, Santiago Hernandez, Jorge Altamiranao, Catalino Flores, Danny O'Campo and An-

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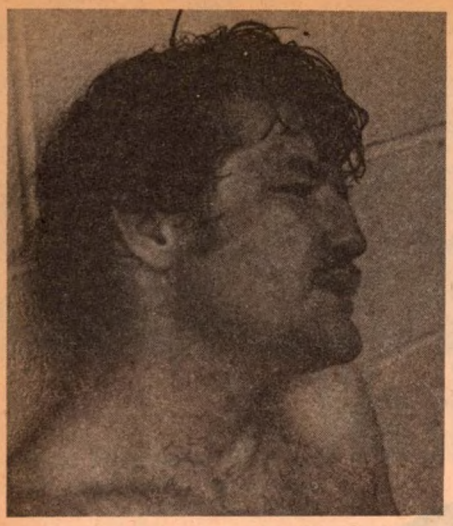
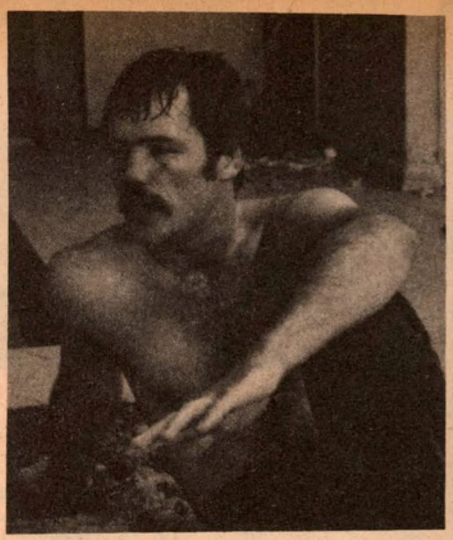
Topnotch bantaweight contender Oscar Muniz from Pico-Rivera, California.



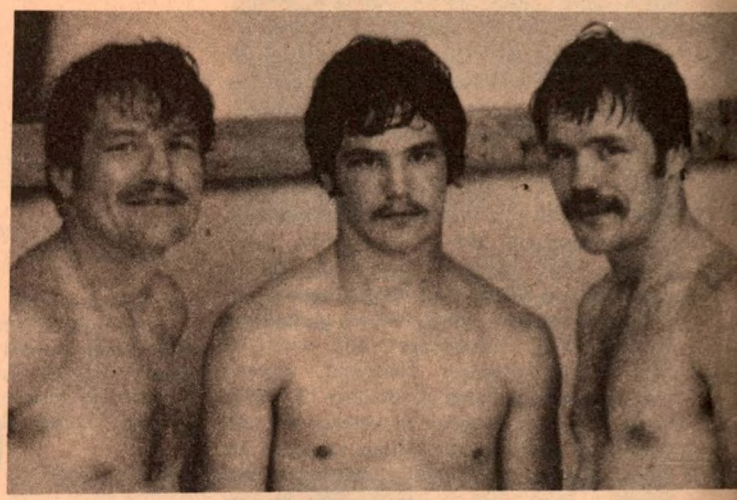
Ned Hallacy, the eldest of the three fighting Hallacy brothers, has compiled a record of 26-5-2 in ten years as a pro. He's fought a draw with Mike Quarry.

Pat Hallacy, the youngest brother, is a junior welterweight.



Mike, the middle brother, is a middleweight. He went ten rounds with Sugar Ray Seales last year and holds a decision over King George Aidoo.

Hallacy Bros. Revive Boxing In Wichita



Left-to-right: Ned, Pat, and Mike Hallacy. Will one of them bring home a crown?

By B.R. STATEHAM

HE has, in the pro ranks, a record of 26-5-2 with twenty knockouts. He's fought Mike Quarry to a draw in ten rounds and he has a chance of stepping into the ring with John Conteh of England sometime this summer. But what is more impressive is that his two brothers are better. But he's the honcho that has the savvy, the experience in the game. And without saying it you have never heard of him or his brothers.

His name is Ned Hallacy. His brothers' names are Mike and Pat. All three are pros, with Ned and Mike the two in the family that have the most experience. They hail from the state of Kansas, which is the biggest reason why most everyone has never heard of them. It is a pity. Most everyone would be very impressed with what they might see in them and their fighting style.

Mike Hallacy is the middle brother of the fighting family. His record in the ring to date is 19-3. He has fought Ray Seales, his toughest fight so far, this winter and came out losing in a close decision. It was a rough, hard fight and it went all 10 rounds before losing the battle. A tough Irishman, Mike and his brother Ned can take huge amounts of punishment and still come in fighting hard and aggressively. Pat, the youngest of the brother, has still the trappings of a virgin in the pro ranks with a record of just 8-0. But of the three that fight, out of a family of seven brothers and one sister, Pat has the gift of the most talent and the fastest hands. He's also the seventh son of a seventh son. And for an Irishman that means luck rides with him.

For the brothers it's been an uphill fight all their lives to further along their boxing careers. Almost singlehandedly they have resurrected the art of fisticuffs in Wichita, the city they hail from. Ned and Mike over the years they fought in the amateur ranks have developed a reputation in the central column of states as being fighters that are aggressive and capable of absorbing incredible amounts of damage. Neither Ned nor Mike have ever been knocked out in any of the amateur or professional fights. Ned's been at it for ten years and Mike for nine and they still have yet to feel what a knockout punch is.

What their problem has been over the years, other than the fact that Kansas is noted for being a hotbed for professional boxing, is the lack of money and connections back to the East and West coasts. The fighters and the recognition are there and to be fighting in Kansas sometimes means to be shouting into the teeth of a hurricane. Nothing is heard. Unless money and connections are working alongside you as well. For years the Hallacy brothers did not have those two much needed qualities. But recently a new manager-trainer walked into their lives, and with his arrival, their careers have begun to take on national trappings.

The new man bossing the three brothers is Dick Meek. For the last few years he's been breeding race horses but before that he managed and trained fighters as well. Two of his past fighters

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HE HAS HIS SIGHTS SET ON THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN

By GORDON PETERSON

THERE have been champions in boxing from many parts of the world, but a native Syrian has never won a title in any weight division. Rocky Estafire, a middleweight from Latakia, Syria, presently fighting out of New York, has set his sights on changing all that. He is currently undefeated in fourteen fights and like many good fighters, is having trouble finding opponents. A southpaw, Estafire has knocked out nine of his opponents, all within the first four rounds. The lone blemish on his record is a draw with Reggie Jones, a fight that had the crowd on its feet throughout the final round.

Estafire was born in Latakia, Syria, on October 10, 1953, the third of five children. He recalls growing up in the small city, 150 miles from the Turkish border. "As a child, I would fight a lot. The boy down the street, the kid next door, the boys at school, anybody who wanted to fight," he says. "It seemed that everyone wanted to fight me to challenge my ability." The up and coming middleweight recalls one incident that stood out, "my elder brother got into a fight with a former professional boxer and had one of his teeth knocked out. I got really angry and challenged him to a fight," he continues. "He said yes, so I figured I had better start training.

"We agreed on a date of one week later, so that meant I had very little time to prepare myself. There was a small gym in our town, so I went there everyday and worked out there with guys a lot older than myself," Estafire says. "It really wasn't the smartest move considering the fact that I was going up against one of the best former professional boxers in Syria," he said. He recalls that week as one of the fastest in his life. "Before I knew it, it was time for the fight," he remembers. "I don't mind telling you that I was scared as hell. This guy was definitely a middleweight and I was only a junior middleweight!"

Once the fight began, he thought it was the biggest mistake he had ever made. "He hit me once in the jaw, twice in the stomach and I thought it was all over for me," he recollects. "I thought, hell, my brother could have gotten a new tooth, but where was I going to find a new face?" Somehow Estafire regained his composure and flattened his opponent in the second round with a left hook. "It was then that I realized I wanted to fight," says Rocky.

When he was fifteen, Estafire won his first amateur fight. He won fifteen fights in a row and acquired a good reputation as a boxer who could really punch. Estafire recalls an incident that had a telling effect on his career. "At one of my fights, there was a former Syrian champion sitting in the stands. After the fight, he came up to me and told me I had a lot of potential and wondered if I wanted to train with him. For four months we were inseparable, training night and day," Estafire remembers. "All the things I learned from him paid off," Estafire says. "I won the Syrian championship when I was fifteen years old. I then went on to fight the Bulgarian champion. We fought three times and I won all three times, once in Bulgaria and twice in Syria. From there I fought the Greek and Egyptian champions and won both times," says Estafire.

A universal problem began to put a damper on the young fighter's career, lack of money. There was no money in boxing anywhere in the Middle East. Because of the poor circumstances of the six day war, nobody was investing any money in watching boxers perform, no matter how good they seemed to be. It was time for Estafire to find a solution to his problem. "I decided I had to be a bit more practical, so I joined the Navy," he says. "The money was good and I knew if I could save enough, I could go to the United States and train there, that was my ambition," he says. "My dream was to

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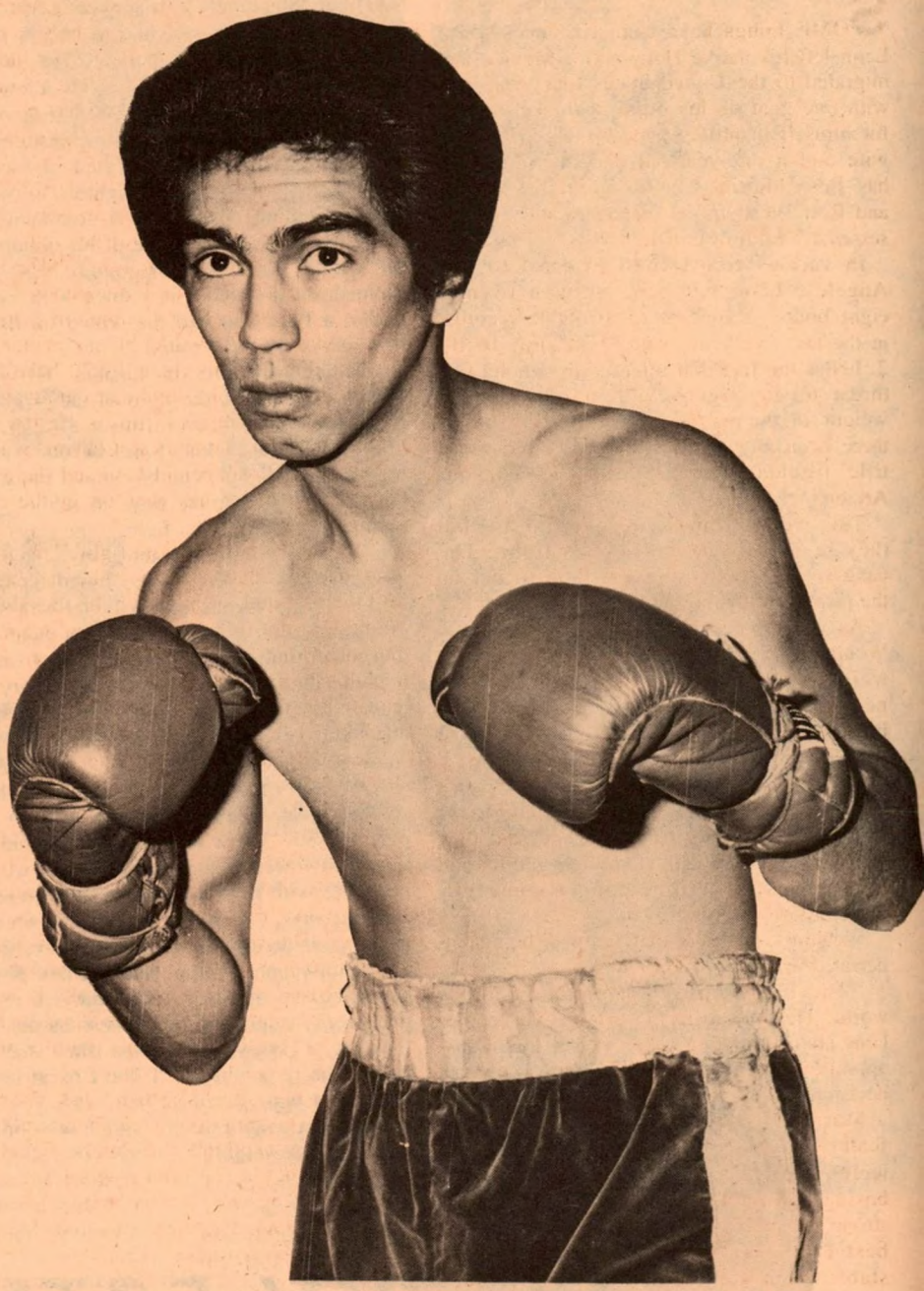
ROCKY ESTAFIRE: SYRIAN SOCKER

HERMAN (KID) MONTES: LIGHTWEIGHT PROSPECT

HE'S WON ALL HIS 13 FIGHTS, WITH 9 KAYOES.

By JESS HERNANDEZ



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Eighteen-year-old Herman (Kid) Montes is the most exciting and explosive lightweight battler on the West Coast since the great Enrique Bolanos. Back in the turbulent 40s, colorful Bolanos fought for the lightweight title twice and the possibility remains tangible that Montes may get a crack at the world's 135-pound throne before he turns twenty-one. Standing 5-8, 133-pound Montes has all the physical attributes to wear the title crown jewels. He's fast with a mighty knockout wallop, having stiffened nine of his thirteen opponents since turning professional in 1976. Montes won the Golden Gloves championship in the lightweight class at the age of sixteen. One of Herman's amateur foes was classy junior lightweight Frankie Baltazar from El Puente, Calif. Managed by crafty Benny Georgino and trained by his father, Johnny Montes Sr., Herman has trained with the topflight fighters on the West Coast like stablemate Danny Lopez, Hector Crotez and clever junior welterweight Rudy Hernandez.

"I became interested in boxing very young. When I was in El Rancho High School in Pico-Rivera, Calif., my dad made it a point to have me train with the best fighters around. He figured that it was very important for me to learn from the best and I have learned. When I'm through fighting I want to become a commercial artist. But right now, the only thing that matters to me is becoming the best lightweight in the world. My manager Benny Georgino wired a telegram to Howard Davis for a showdown fight," said Herman.

At the age of 18, Herman's career is being shaped by his manager, Georgino. "Herman is the type of fighter who has the killer instinct. He's not afraid to fight anybody. The way he's developing right now, I'd say he's got a helluva chance to win the lightweight title and that's not bragging. My guess is that Herman may outgrow the 135-pound division and fight as a junior welterweight," said Georgino.

Montes is riding a winning streak of thirteen straight wins with nine KOs in his ring ledger. "I guess my toughest opponent came in my last fight at the Olympic Auditorium where I beat Leoncio Mesa in 10 rounds. Mesa has a record of 28-7-1 and he fought Frankie Baltazar. Mesa is a tough fighter but the guy I'd like to fight is Howard Davis.

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ARTURO LEON PLAYS A WAITING GAME

By FRED HERRERA

SOME things have changed since Arturo Leon left his native Hermosillo, Mexico and migrated to the United States four years ago with one goal on his mind: to make a name for himself in professional boxing. He has a wife and a one-year-old daughter now. He has Beto Martinez in his corner as trainer and Ron Weathers as manager, and he possesses a wealth of experience.

In various rings, from El Paso to Los Angeles, Leon has gone through twenty-eight bouts, according to available records, in the last five years, and his record, 16-10-2, belies the fact that this man is a bona fide threat to any lightweight or junior lightweight in the world today. So why hasn't there been any mention of a possible world title fight for the 29-year-old Tucson, Arizona, resident?

The word from Leon's camp is that they're ready and willing to fight. The hang-up is nobody seems willing to put up the right kind of money for such a match.

As recently as last March, according to Weathers, representatives of junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello were negotiating some kind of deal involving Leon. "They were talking about a couple of shows on national TV in Las Vegas," Weathers said. "The money still wasn't what we wanted, but finally, I agreed to take the fight. Then they came out and said they wouldn't take it. They said Arguello had other plans. Later, he fought some guy names Mario Mendez."

Weathers' gripe is that Leon is being underrated or overlooked or both.

"The kid is ready for anybody in the world. He's a super kid who never complains about anything. He's had a lot of disappointments already. He's had some bad decisions.

Martinez, who also handles unbeaten featherweight Nico Perez out of Tucson, feels qualified to speak on the subject of boxing and on Leon in particular. "He's a strong boxer," said Martinez. "One of the best I've ever known." Among Leon's stablemates are former national Golden Gloves champion and bantamweight contender Earl Large, now living in El Paso, and featherweight star Ruben Castillo of Bakersfield, Calif.

When Martinez first saw Leon down in Mexico, he said to himself, "This is a good one." And Leon, whose last name means lion in Spanish, hasn't disappointed his trainer.

It occurred to Martinez that he had never been associated with a more dedicated person than the quiet, soft-spoken Leon, who once thought he would like to be a scholar. "He's a very serious person. He likes to read a lot," Martinez said. "He's very respectful of older people and he has no vices. He doesn't drink or smoke. I know him well. He never lies to me.

"He's a very calm type of person. He's the type of guy that if you ask him, 'Leon, how are you? Are you ready to fight?' he'll answer, 'Yes, I feel I'm ready.' He won't say, 'Yeah, I'm gonna kill somebody.' "

It's beyond Leon to come on with the I'm-the-king-of-the-world bit no matter how one-sided any of his fights might have been. His biggest victory thus far came against veteran Los Angeles junior lightweight Bobby Chacon. Leon beat Chacon over ten rounds last November in LA, and thereafter, the Tucson boxer has shot up in the world ratings.

"It was a pretty even fight," Martinez said of the Chacon affair. "Leon caught a right cross and went down in the seventh round. He got up and went down again. But he got up and knocked Chacon down in the eighth. He hit him with a left hook and Chacon fell against the ropes. Leon won by split decision."

Leon has also triumphed over fighters like Javier Ayala and Jimmy Heair. For all his years in the ring and close encounters with top-notch boxers, Leon himself has never been knocked out.

If he's had any problems, it's been injuries. Leon has been cut several times while fighting. During the summer, he was nursing a sore hand which was hurt against Julio Mendez last June in Las Vegas. It wasn't broken, but the hand bothered Leon so much that he had slacked off in his training until it got better.

Meanwhile, he, Martinez and Weathers continued to wait for a telephone call or a telegram or anything that might signal that big break they've all been waiting for.

"The kid is ready for anything if the price is right," said Martinez. "I think in a TV fight, everybody makes $10,000 or $5,000, but no one has offered us that much. They have offered $5,000 or $6,000, and I just don't think it's enough. I'm just gonna wait. They'll come to us eventually. I just hope they do before we run out of other opponents."

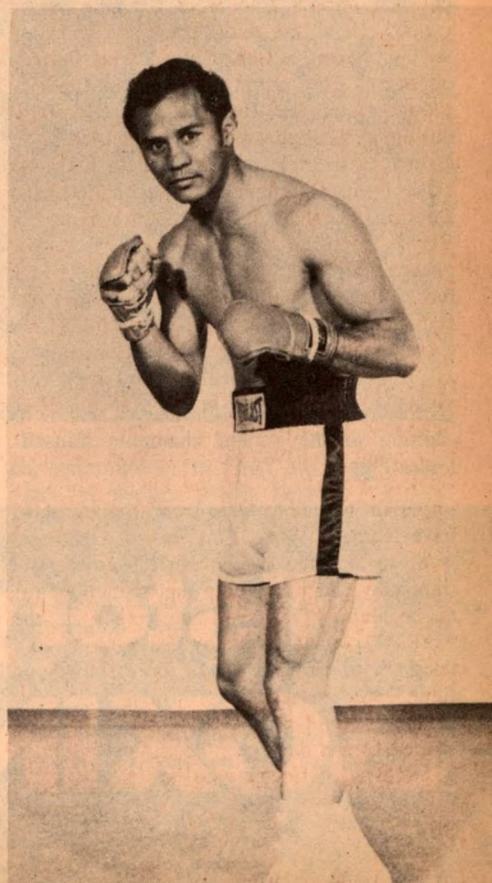
Leon was taking on even full-blown welterweights up until the end of 1977. His manager decided they'd better stick to the lighter boys. Yet, Leon harbors no thought of backing down to anyone—not even the king of the lightweights, Roberto Duran, who has lost just one fight in more than sixty outings.

"Since I started boxing, people have seen me and said I could be something great," Leon said. "I believe I can be a great boxer. Once, I was gonna fight Duran in 1975, but they didn't give us enough money. It's not so much the money with me, but one has to take care of the image of boxing. For one who is qualified, it's a business, not just a sport.

"I wanted to be a student once when I was younger. I was good in school, but I never finished. One starts to determine what he wants to do in life. I thought about it very carefully and that's how I came to decide on a boxing career. Up to now, everything has been all right, even though I haven't had too many opportunities for fights with big money. But I don't lack hope."

And so it goes for Arturo Leon.

Arturo Leon, junior lightweight fighting out of Tucson, Arizona, has beaten Javier Ayala, Jimmy Heair, and Bobby Chacon.



History of The British BOXING BOOTHS

By HARRY WARREN

IT'S amazing, the fairground boxing booth, the very cradle of professional boxing, which has been existance for well over two hundred years. Yet, so very little has ever been written about this form of the noble art. Records, photographs, and memorabelia has been difficult to find, and my research on the boxing booth has taken well over two years.

THE boxing booth was brought back into prominence when Muhammad Ali, as heavyweight champion of the world, with his bride Veronica, made a visit to England. The entourage were on their way to Gypsie's Green, but Ali halted the procession to stop off at a large amusememnt park and fairground.

Muhammad had heard stories about the boxing booth and had been told that a booth was now in operation at this fairground and requested to visit it.

The booth in this instance was the famous Ron Taylor Booth. Ali's presence at the boxing booth soon swept through the town. As if like wildfire, hundreds of townspeople rushed to the fairground. The champion didn't let his fans down. He gave them the usual performance he is famed for and even put the gloves on to spar with one of the boxers in the booth. But, to Ron Taylor, Muhammad Ali's visit to his booth was a tonic. The news services around the world had done the boxing booth a valuable service.

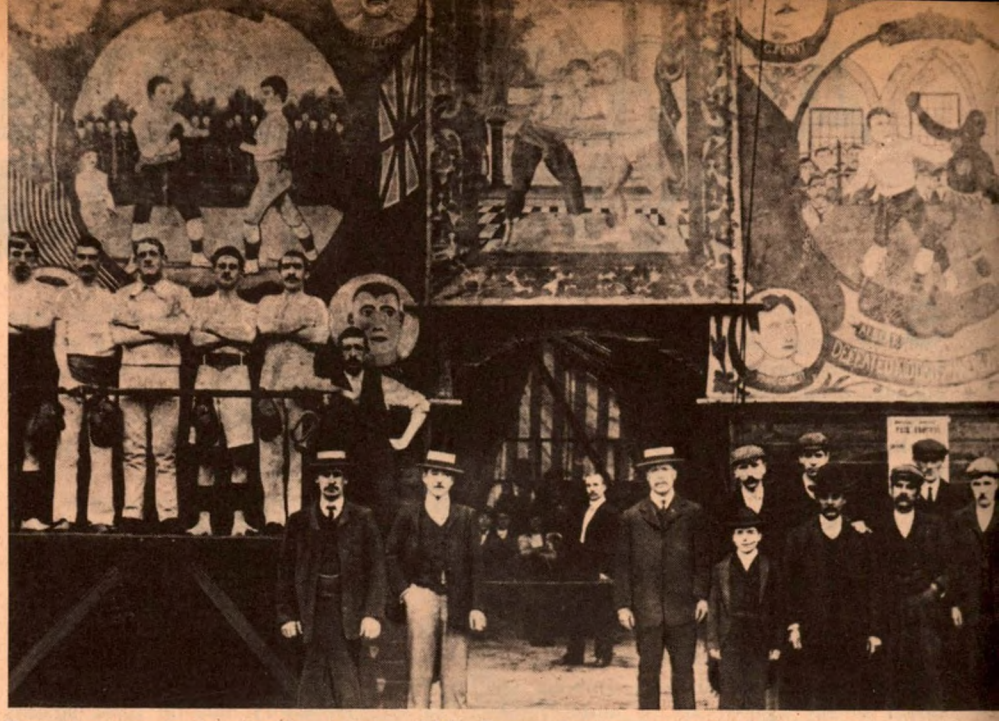
RON Taylor's boxing booth is but one of a few booths still plying their trade, moving from one fairground in one city to the next fairground which may be located in a small-town, or joining with amusement parks that may be located in a built-up area where they will holdup during the winter months.

In certain parts of Great Britain, booths have been a permanent fixture. A case in question is found in the City of London records division in Somerset House.

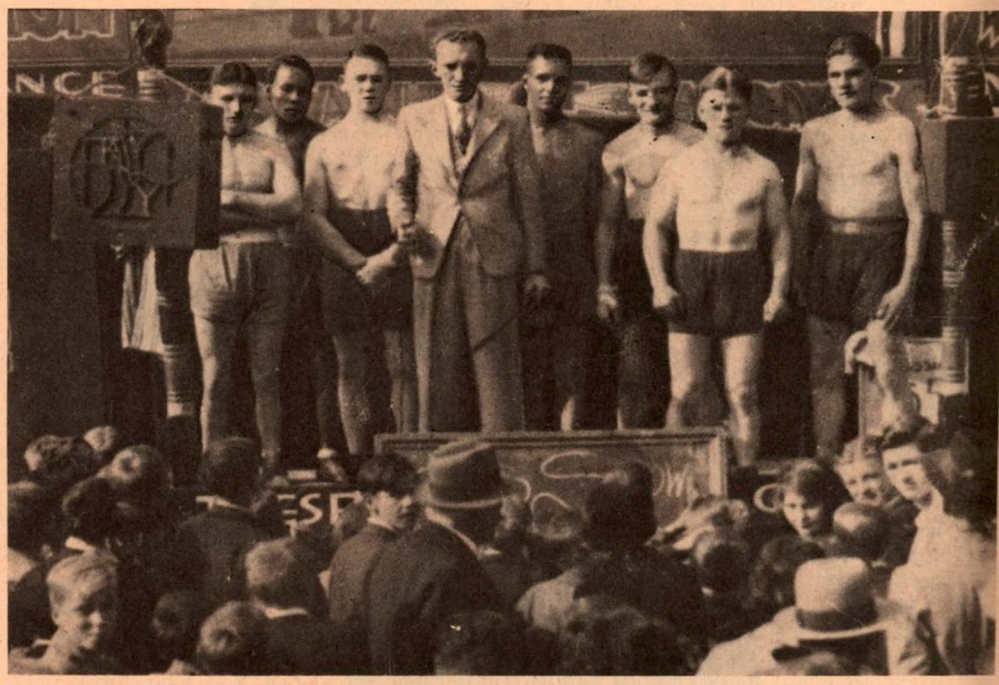
It is recorded as follows:

"James Figg, is recognised as the first heavyweight boxing champion of the world."

A tilting bout between the noted Big Jim Parks from Coventry City and the celebrated gentleman prizefighter Mr. Daniel Millar, in addition to the valiant champion himself, James Figg.



Rare photograph showing the exterior of T.L. Perry's boxing booth in 1880. Booth fighting can be traced back more than two hundred years.



Bob Turner's boxing booth as it looked in 1939. Jimmy Jury is the fighter on the extreme left. To the extreme right is former world's light heavyweight champion Freddie Mills.

Bob Parkin's boxing booth. The proprietor is about to introduce his fighters to the crowd. Jimmy Wilde, Jock McAvoy, Tommy Farr, and Jem Driscoll are just a few of the outstanding fighters who received their starts in booths.

Alf Stewart's International Boxing Pavilion at the fairgrounds, Guildford, Surrey. Stewart always had a number of fighters from the continent, as well as from the British Isles.

A worthy champion of all mankind and also of England. Several others less noted pugilists showed the art of bixing in the booth at Southwark, London, at 2:30 P.M. in the year seventeen hundred and twenty four."

Note — James Figg is recognized by the *Ring Boxing Encyclopedia and Record Book* as having been the "first heavyweight champion."

MANY famous boxers originated through boxing in the fairground boxing booth. Legendry fistic personalities. Robert Fitsimmons, dubbed the "Fighting Blacksmith," is said to have started in a booth at the fairgrounds at Truro, Cornwall. Freddie Mills, the dynamo who defeated Gus Lesnevich over fifteen rounds and captured his world light heavyweight title, July 26, 1948.

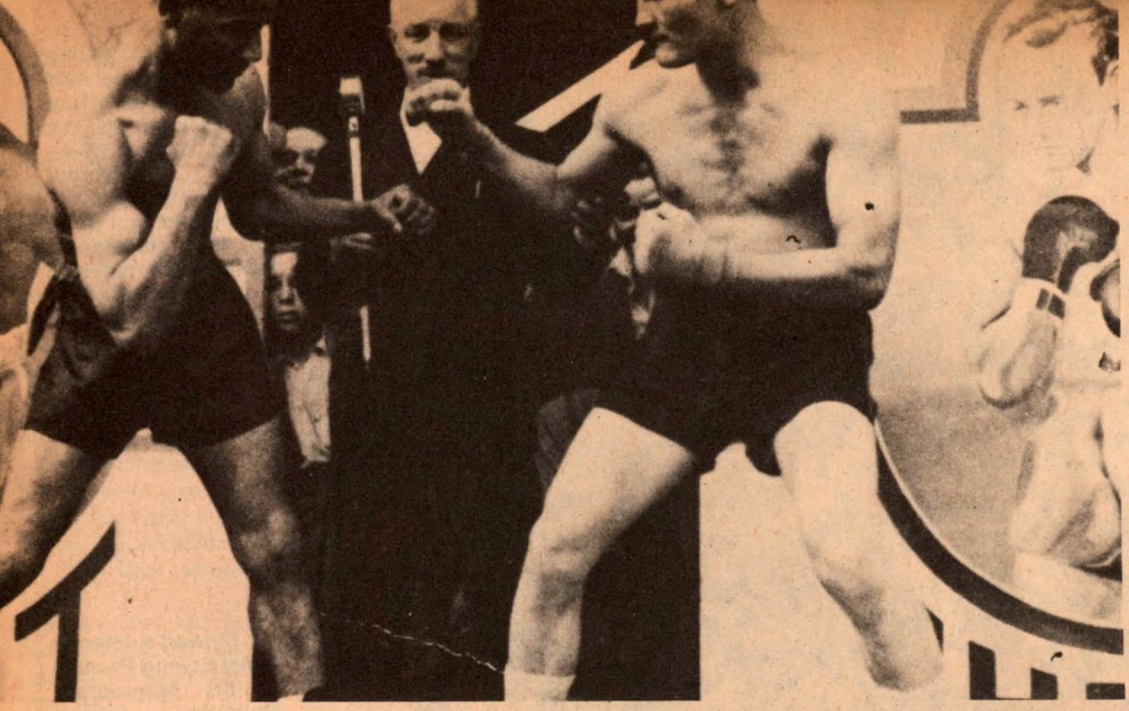
Tommy Farr, who took "The Brown Bomber," Joe Louis, the distance of fifteen rounds in a quest for Louis' world heavyweight crown in August, 1937. The fabulous Jimmy Wilde, who took the world flyweight title when he defeated Young Zulu Kid on December 18, 1916. Jem Driscoll, who annexed the British Empire title after engaging in several hundred booth battles.

Other noted boxers who won fame and fortune after graduating from the boxing booth, and in some cases went on to fight for world titles, were Randolph Turpin, who won the world middleweight crown from the prince of bixing, Sugar Ray Robinson. Rinty Monaghan, who defeated Dado Marino over fifteen rounds to claim the NBA version of the world flyweight crown, and, the following year, March 23, 1948, knocked out Jackie Paterson to make the whole world observe him as champion. Also not to forget that heroic Scot, late world flyweight champion Benny Lynch. On January 19, 1937, he defeated Small Montana in London to capture the title.

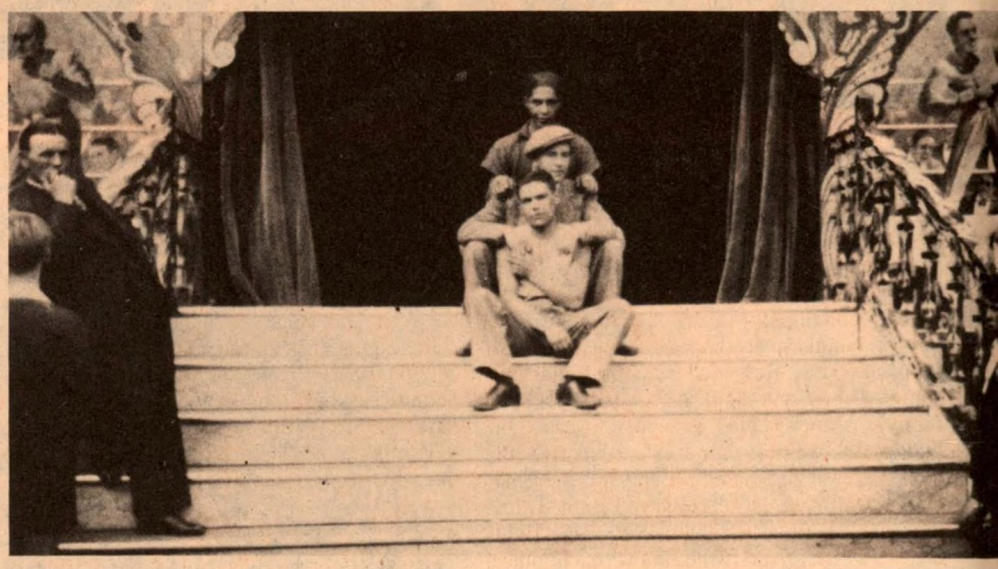
Jock McAvon. He won the British and Empire middleweight titles from Len Harvey at Manchester in April, 1933. He held on to his titles for twelve years, until he relinquished them. He beat Babe Risko in the U.S.A. when Risko was recognized as world middles champ. McAvoy had Risko down six times during the first and only round. Later, he became British lighheavy champion.

Jem Mace, who went through the transition of bare knuckle to gloves. His expertise was passed on to such famous boxers as Bob Fitsimmons, who later was to win the middleweight, lightheavy, and heavyweight world titles and others such as Young Griffo and Jem Hall.

Jem Mace, through his tough training as a booth fighter, was too good for Sam Hurst, the champion, in 1861. Jem lost his crown



Laurie Buxton, left, and Polish Jack square off in front of Bob Parkins' booth. The proprietor has introduced them, wearing a tuxedo.



Jackie Rankin, with cap, on the steps of Bob Parkins' booth, with two of the booth fighters. Rankin, a fine fighter, hailed from Southall in London.

to Tom King in November of 1862, but became champion again in 1866 when he stopped Joe Goss in twenty-one rounds. In May, 1870, he visited the United States, where he beat the American champion, Tom Allen, in a world title contest at Kennerville, Louisiana. Joe Beckett was one of Great Britain's most under-rated heavyweight champions. Although he lost two bouts to Georges Carpentier, he stopped the British heavyweight champion, Bombardier Billy Wells in the twentieth round on February 27, 1919. He beat Frank Goddard in three rounds at the Olympia, June 17, 1919, and again soundly whipped Billy Wells in the third round at Olympia. He capped this win off with soundly whipping Dick Smith at the Albert Hall in London.

Jem Mace learned his trade well. He was fighting in the boxing booth at the age of twelve. Another fighter in the booths was Joe Bowker, and from the age of thirteen years until he was nineteen, he was a great favorite in the fiargrounds. He became the British bantamweight champion when he defeated Owen Moran over twenty rounds at the National Sporting Club. Frankie Neil, of San Francisco, held the world bantamweight crown and the N.S.C. invited him to London, where, on October 17, 1904, Bowker outpointed the champion over twenty rounds. Another famed booth fighter was Jem Driscoll. This great Welsch scientific boxer won on a decision against Joe Bowker over the fifteen round route in May, 1906 and in June, 1907, he knocked out Bowker in a return match.

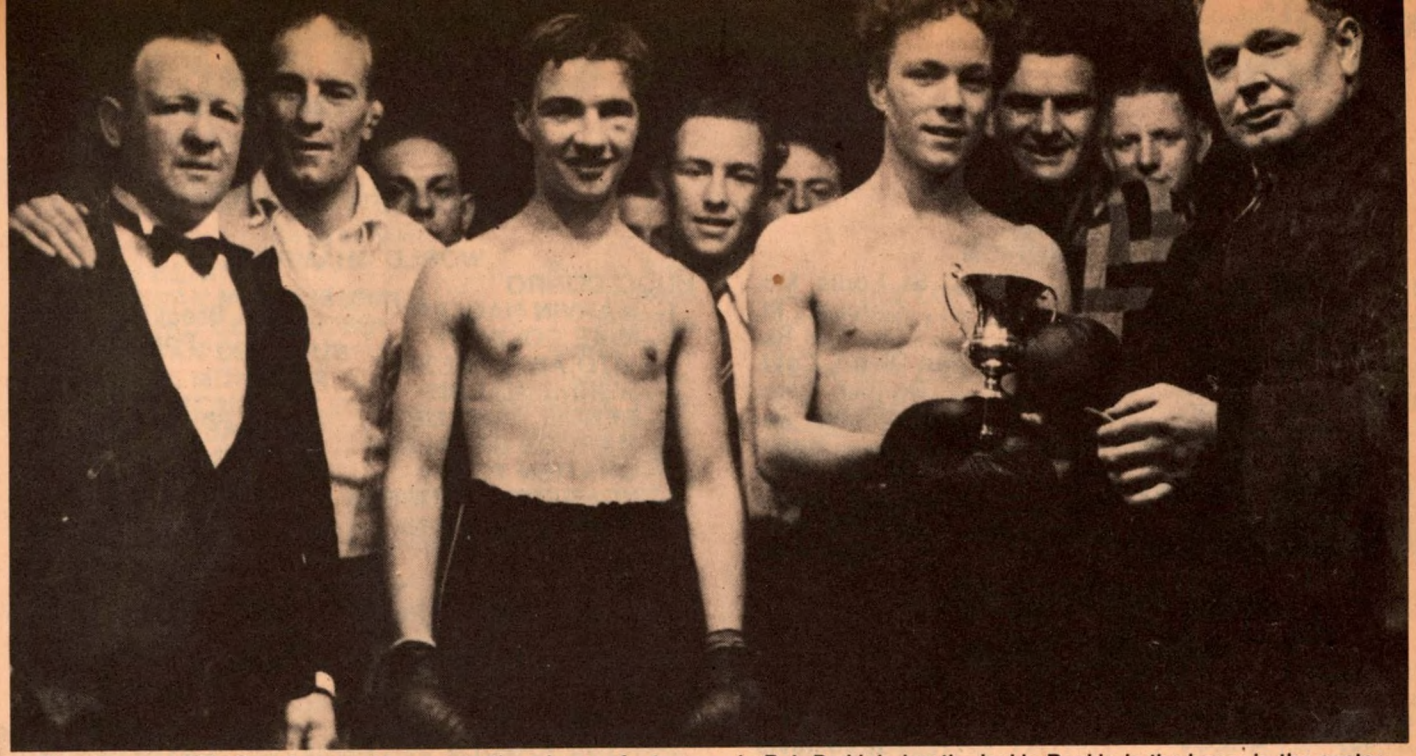
One of the greatest booth fighters has to be Freddie Mills, who started boxing in a boxing booth in the traveling fairground where the famed Gypsy Daniels gave him sound advice and was a favorite booth performer for the famed Bob Turner boxing booth.

Another boxer who many historians rate highly was Dick Burge. He was born in Cheltenham in 1865, and was the lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight contender for world titles at different times. He started as a booth boxer in May, 1891. Burge had great success at taking on all-comers and won the British lightweight title when he beat Jem Carney on a disqualification in the eleventh round. While still holding the lightweight crown, he was matched with Ted Pritchard for his middleweight crown, but Burge was defeated by the bigger man in two rounds. That was in November, 1894. This fighter Burge must have been extraordinary. Only twelve months after his defeat by a middleweight, he took on the mighty Jem Smith for his heavyweight title. On this occasion, Burge was beaten in nine rounds. In June, 1896, Burge tangled with Kid Lavigne for the world lightweight crown. The bout was staged at the National Sporting Club in London. The referee stopped the bout in the seventh round as Burge was too weak to continue, having been weakened by taking off too much weight. He lost his lightweight title to Tom Causer, on May 31st, 1897, on a seventh round disqualification.

In 1910, Dick Burge opened the historic arena, "The Blackfriar's Ring," and promoted regular boxing shows in this East London arena until his death in 1915.

Laurie Buxton, one of three fighting brothers, spent a number of years as a booth fighter. Now, after a boxing career that spanned fifteen years, and in which he traveled to twenty-six countries, he recalls, very fondly, his days as a boxer with the fairground boxing booth. Laurie told me, "It was an honor to travel with Bob Parkin's booth. Bob was a fine man. He knew the game and he knew men. To travel with Parkin was quite a distinction, for although it may sound conceited to say so, Bob would only have the best."

At this juncture, I asked Laurie if he could



Circus owner Billy Smart presents a cup to the winner of a tourney in Bob Parkin's booth. Jackie Rankin is the boxer in the center.

recall any specific, interesting story. Laurie thought for a minute, then he said, "One of my most vivid recollections was at a bank holiday. We were with a large fair at Ealing Common, in London. We were short-staffed that day, but in the booth line-up was Paddy Roach, champion of Ireland, Manuel A'Brew, champion of Scotland, Jackie Rankin of Southall (London), Lefty Flynn of Jamaica, Jack Daly of Reading, and myself." Laurie laughed, he thought it quite funny. "Among that assembly, I was the lightes in weight, and, consequently, the most favored opponent for the for the challengers from the large crowd assembled, and it's a well known fact that some of the fights are between boxers who know each other, and who box more for the entertainment of paying customers than for their own personal glory. But by the very nature of the barker, or the "Spiel" by the booth proprietor, no challenges were refused from the crowd." Laurie, eagerly and laughingly recounted the following, "It was on that lovely summer day. We had been hard at it from 10 a.m. and solidly through the day to 11 p.m. Bob Parkin was in a rapture. After bad weather he can now recoup his losses. We were getting through two shows every hour. The crowds were in a jubilant mood. They wouldn't leave. They stood where they were and attendants went round and collected their fee for the next show. We six boxers had been busy all day, if you average two fights each show by twenty-six shows we were just about ready to crawl into our sacks. The last show of the day was announced. A huge and unkempt fellow climbed into the ring. He pointed at me and demanded to fight me. Bob Parkin tried his best to reason with the man. The crowd, however, sensed that here was some fun and worthwhile staying. They wanted the fight to go on. The crowd even shouted to Bob Parkin: "come and get our money." So, Parkin saw how fruitless the situation was. He turned to me and said, "Laurie, you take him on, or they will break up the booth.' After eleven fights, which had been all knockout wins, I couldn't see myself fighting this hulk-of-a-man. Stripped off and facing my man, he was at least eighty pounds heavier, but Bob Parkin(bless him) thought that, even if we lost this fight, he would have at least made enough for the day. So, we started to fight.

"He tore into me," continued Laurie, as if he could still feel the elbows and head as the man bore in. "Why, he even tried to knee me. He used his shoulders and really pushed me all over the ring. The bell went for the first round. Paddy Roach was my corner man. After administering to me, I felt better, and, coming out for the second round I met the man fair and square and connected with a solid left hook to the belly and followed this up with a cracking right to the chin. I looked at him lying on the ring canvas. Then my troubles really started. His wife, who was as big and uglier than he was, jumped into the ring and started to hit me with her handbag. She must have been carrying the kitchen sink in that bag. Was I taking a beating. Then, all of a sudden, about a dozen of the other lady fans jumped into the ring after her and there were many split skirts and bruised faces and knees. Eventually, they threw her out of the ring, after which Bob Parkin switched off the lights and said to me outside, 'Here's your money. Don't get drunk. You're needed again at ten tomorrow morning." The stories that the old veterans of the booths can tell would surely fill several books.

Take another booth proprietor, Ron Taylor, who still operates a traveling booth. Although sixty-nine, he spends sixteen hours a day at his business. One of seven children, he and his four brothers were all booth fighters. The Taylor family have been involved with booth fighting since the 1800's. Ron proudly relates how his grandmother took on all comers on the booth. "She was a terrific puncher," says Ron. "None could hit her. She lived till she was 85."

Invariably, the boxing booth travels from fairgound to fairground. The booth has an ornate and decorative frontage, painted in gold, with huge paintings which show vivid fight scenes, usually from a bygone era.

On the platform, at the front of the marquee or gayly decoraded tent, objects usually to be found in the gym are hung from the roof, such as boxing gloves, a punchbag or a punchball, a timekeeper's clock, *etc*. The booth proprietor is usually decked out in a dress style peculiar to the fairground. His boxers are lined up behind him, with all the boxers flexing muscles with arms crossed across their chests. They are then introduced to the large crowds assembled outside the booth. Truly a most inspiring sight.

ONE of England's great booth fighters was Ray "Darkie" Moore. Never a champion, but definitely a master at what he knew best — being a crowd-pleasing booth fighter. In London, recently, I had the pleasure to interview this striking former pugilist, who, although retired, still operates a radio and cassette store in London, "just to keep me active," he told me. He is a staunch member of the London Ex-Boxer Association and

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WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI† ..... Chicago, Ill.
2—LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton Pa.
3—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
7—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
8—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
9—OZZIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico
10—DOMINGO D'ELIA ..... Argentina

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pound)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yougoslavia
3—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
5—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
6—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—MUSTAPHA WASSAJA ..... Uganda
8—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
4—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
5—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—NORBERTO CABRERA ..... Argentina
9—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
10—LOUCIF HAMANI ..... Algeria

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—EDDIE GAZO ..... Nicaragua
2—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
3—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
4—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
7—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
8—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
9—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas
10—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
5—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
6—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ... Grand Rapids, Mich.
7—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
9—ANDY PRICE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—SCOTT CLARK ..... Orlando, Fla.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—ESTEBAN DE JESUS ..... Puerto Rico
4—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
5—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
6—BRUCE CURRY† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—DAVID GREEN ..... England
8—JOE KIMPAUANI ..... Zaire
9—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
10—LAURIE AUSTIN (BABY CASSIUS) ... Australia

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
2—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
3—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
4—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
5—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
6—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
7—JOHNNY LIRA † ..... Chicago, Ill.
8—ANDREW GANIGAN ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
9—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
10—HERMAN MONTES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
2—FRANKIE BALTZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
4—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
5—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
6—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
7—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
8—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina
9—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
10—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
3—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
4—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
5—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
6—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—RICARDO CARDONE ..... Venezuela
8—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.
9—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain
10—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
4—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbia, Ohio
5—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
6—ALFREDO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
8—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
9—ALFREDO MULAS ..... Italy
10—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—GUTY ESPADAS* ..... Merida, Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—NETRNOI VORASINGHI ..... Thailand
4—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
5—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
6—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
7—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
8—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
9—BERNABE VILLACAMPO ..... Philippines
10—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela

JOHNNY LIRA

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THIS month's ratings will find a lot of men moved from one division to another. The Reason? Weights. You will also find that three U.S. championships have been declared vacant due to weight limits and retirements.

The fighter of the month designation goes to Johnny Lira, Chicago's new U.S. lightweight king. He kayoed Andrew Ganigan to win the title.

Runner-up is Vilomar Fernandez, winner over Alexis Arguello. This moved him up from four to three in the world. Corro beat Harris,drops one place.Rossman from five to four, beat Matt Ross; Matt Franklin seven to six, kayoed Dale Grant. Gregory moved down two spots; Wassaja, up one place to seven, victory over Marvin Johnson. Vonzell Johnson moved from ten to nine, beating Chuck Warfield. Cassidy falls to ten, inactive.

Scott Clark, welterweight from Orlando, Fla., scored a major upset, defeating Trinidad's Eddie Marcello, 10. This moved him into the tenth spot in the world replacing Marcello. Another move in the welters ratings finds Gray dropped from three to fourth, beat Ray Chavez his last time out. Shields dropped one spot, inactive.

U.S. junior middle king Billy Backus, called it a career, his title is now vacant. His place in the world is taken by Eddie Gazo, who lost last time out to Masashi Kudo in title bout. Anderson, Phillips all move up one place.

In the junior welters Esteban DeJesus moved into this division from the lightweights. Esteban is ranked third. Heair moved from six to five, beating Jimmy Corkum and James Martinez. Monroe Brooks inactive since his lost to Curry in April is dropped to make room for DeJesus. Montilla, Green, Curry, Kimpaunai, Mamby all drop one spot due to inactivity.

Herman Montes, Los Angeles, broke into the lightweight top ten in number ten spot with a victory over Jose Marin. Pitalua, Colombia moved into Ganigan's old spot number one. Usai, Italy,

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOS	DRAWS	KO'S
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Harold Volbrecht South Africa	11/75	17	15	1	1	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Billy Wareham Warminster, Pa.	12/17/76	10	8	2	0	6
WELTERWEIGHT						
Thomas Hearns Detroit, Mich.	11/25/77	10	10	0	0	10
JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Charlie Weir South Africa	8/77	12	11	1	0	10

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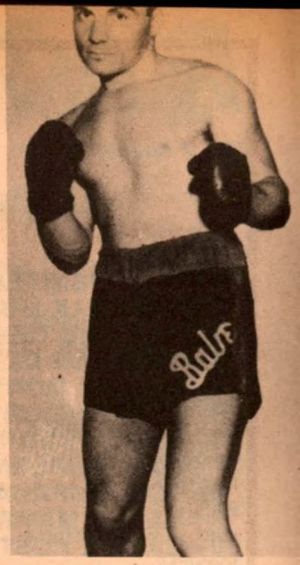
BABE GRIFFIN IS STILL GOING STRONG



By ARTHUR REMBERT

TENACIOUSLY. This was the word most often used by rivals when discussing the way that Babe Griffin went after his opponents. Babe Griffin joined the Duke for Dough circuit in 1923 and after compiling an admirable record of 32-3-6 Babe turned to the promotional side of the business. The same tenacity that made Griffin a top fighter quickly earned him the title of "Mr. Boxing" in Northern California, where he is based.

Indeed, the words can't, maybe, and won't do not exist in Griffin's vocabulary and it was never more evident than in September of 1950 when Babe suggested putting on an outdoor show. His contemporaries told him that he was out of his mind because he wouldn't make any money. Well, if you know Babe Griffin you know that the words can't and won't were all that it took to get his adrenalin flowing. Griffin pitted local favorite Eddie Chavez against Maxie Docusen of New Orleans and held the fight in San Jose's Municipal Stadium. Chavez won the bout and the gross gate was a cool $23,000. Need I say more?

Despite successes like this one, Mr. Boxing has had his share of trying moments. One incident that Griffin remembers vividly occurred in 1934 when Frankie Ross of Modesto was scheduled to meet a lefty named Kid Kallas. Ross was killed in an automobile accident enroute to the bout, and Griffin, unable to find a suitable opponent in time, passed a physical, borrowed some equipment, and before he knew it, was standing in a corner opposite the scowling Kallas.

Although the bout was scheduled to go six rounds, Griffin's body informed him that at this point, going six rounds with Lana Turner would be difficult so fighting six heats with a toughie like Kid Kallas demanded a special type of strategy. Griffin's strategy was simple because he simply walked out and knocked Kallas out in the first round. Your writer says it simply, but it was by no stretch of the imagination simple. Kallas was down four times, and Griffin was sent to the canvas twice. Not only that, but

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(Above) Babe Griffin, when he was an active fighter. (Left) Buddy Baer, Griffin, and Young Corbett.

Babe is flanked by former middleweight champ Freddie Apostoli and former lightweight champ Lew Jenkins.

RALPH GAMBINA: MANAGER—AND ACTOR!

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Fifty-four years in boxing is a long time for pugnacious looking Ralph Gambina who also moonlights as a part-time movie actor. It was exactly twenty years ago when Ralph was managing middleweight contender Charlie Green that singer Frank Sinatra put the colorful Italian-American in the movies.

Since then Gambina has survived boxing's doldrums with acting bits in films like Godfather and Al Capone. Despite Ralph's love affair with the movies, boxing remains his first order of business since acquiring middleweight Mike Nixon and featherweight Dave Sotelo who retired Bobby Chacon.

It was in 1922 when Gambina was a strapping fifteen-year-old kid in Los Angeles, that he got his first taste of resin and bootleg whiskey in Jack Doyle's old Vernon Fight Club on 38th and Santa Fe.

Gambina hasn't done too badly for himself in pugilism, having managed such outstanding boxing contenders like Jimmy McDaniels, Cisco Andrade, Joey Giambra, Larry Boardman, Phil Kim, Willie Bean, and the Escobar brothers, Andy and Alfredo. Now sixty-nine, Ralph during the 40s and 50s had over two hundred fighters, amateur and professional, and he has been a trainer and fight matchmaker. Currently, he assists dandy Don Fraser with the boxing matches at the Forum.

Ralph's first job in boxing netted him three bucks a night. "We used to wear uniforms and they'd give us three dollars or maybe five dollars for the night at the Vernon Arena. That was big money in those days of the 20s," said Gambina. "After all, beer was only a nickel and that included sandwiches—salami, cheese, corned beef, anything you wanted. The arena was in back of the bar. It was a huge bar. . .in Vernon. Some of the guys who fought there were Ace Hudkins, Mushy Callahan, Bert Colima, Joe Rivers and Jimmy McLarnin," added Ralph.

Gambina considers Jimmy McDaniels and Cisco Andrade his top boxing contenders during his prolific managing career. Popular and durable McDaniels the former "Watts Mayor" fought Sugar Ray Robinson in the 40s and Andrade got a lightweight title shot with Joe Brown in 1960, losing a fifteen-round verdict.

Ralph also tutored Don Jordan, Jimmy Palazzola and Bobby Hernandez. Gambina's dream of developing a world boxing champion has not been abandoned, although time is running out for the 69-year-old pilot. Ralph's newest fistic prospect is hard punching middleweight Mike Nixon, who whipped Mike Avans in his last outing in Las Vegas. "Nixon won every round. He's only twenty-three and he's gonna be a helluva fighter," said Ralph.

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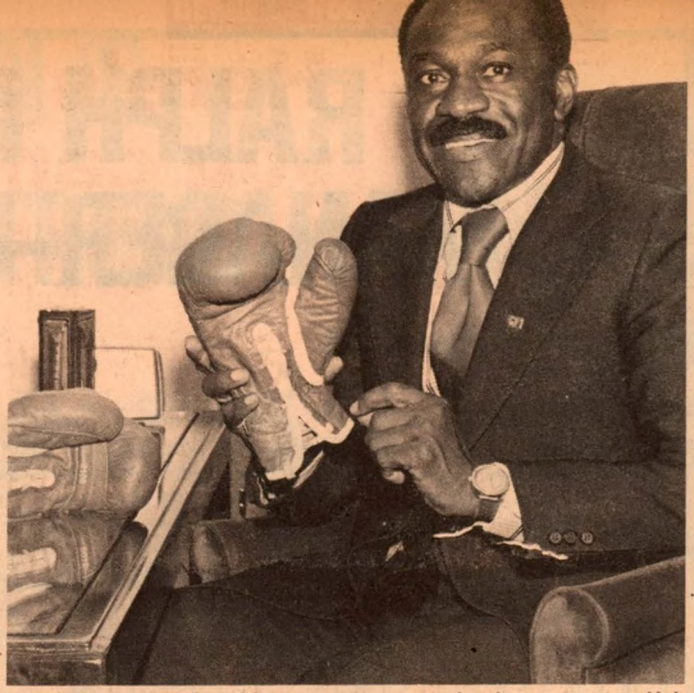
Fight manager Ralph Gambina, center, with George Waggner, former boxer, and Don Fraser. Gambina, sixty-nine, is the dean of West Coast fight managers, having tutored Jimmy McDaniels, Cisco Andrade, and Joey Giambra.

NATE WILLIAMS: NEW PROMOTING FORCE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

By CHARLES BROTMAN



Nat Williams ponders his new career as a boxing promoter. He's head of NAT-WIL Enterprises, Inc., Washington's leading promotional firm specializing in boxing events.

Nat Williams is one of those fortunate few who can say he has turned a life-long dream into reality.

A long time boxing enthusiast, and at one time a member of the D.C. Golden Glove Team, Williams, recognized as one of the Washington area's top black business leaders, pooled substantial funds and interest together to form NAT-WIL Enterprises, Inc., Washington's leading promotional firm specializing in boxing events.

"I've always had a growing interest in the sport," Williams says, "and since I did not pursue a professional boxing career, promoting enabled me to continue to develop my interest and knowledge about the sport."

Williams' first shot at the "ring game" was a rousing success. On May 10, 1978, 6,300 fight fans packed the D.C. Armory/Starplex in downtown Washinton to witness the "Boxing Battle of the Decade." For the first time ever, a bout was fought for the championship of Washington, D.C. when the WBA's seventh-ranked welterweight Johnny Gant knocked out former WBA contender Roland Pryor at 1:41 of the eighth round for the "D.C. Welterweight Championship."

A "Battle of the Champions," featuring USBA Middleweight Champ Sugar Ray Seales and former Chicago Golden Gloves and AAU Champion Johnny Heard, is Williams' second planned promotion.

(Above) Roland Pryor, left, holds up the arm of Johnny Gant as "D.C. welterweight champion" as promoter Williams presents championship trophy. (Below) Matchmaker Eddie Hrica of Baltimore shakes hands with Nat Williams before their successful boxing venture at the D.C. Armory-Starplex in downtown Washington.

To Williams, his new-found career is both a hobby and a business venture. "I enjoy seeing a good bout," he says, "but I also enjoy the benefits and advancements that being a boxing promoter has to offer me. I consider myself somewhat of a boxing enthusiast in all areas of the sport."

As for future goals, Williams envisions promoting a world championship fight. "Eventually," he says. "I would like to be known as the next "King" of boxing."

Looking back over Nat Williams' career, one can only marvel at the business acumen developed over the years which qualifies him for such a venture. Williams is currently president of CLEAN-RITE Maintenance Co., Inc. and E-ZEE Chemical and Supply Co., in addition to Nat-WIL.

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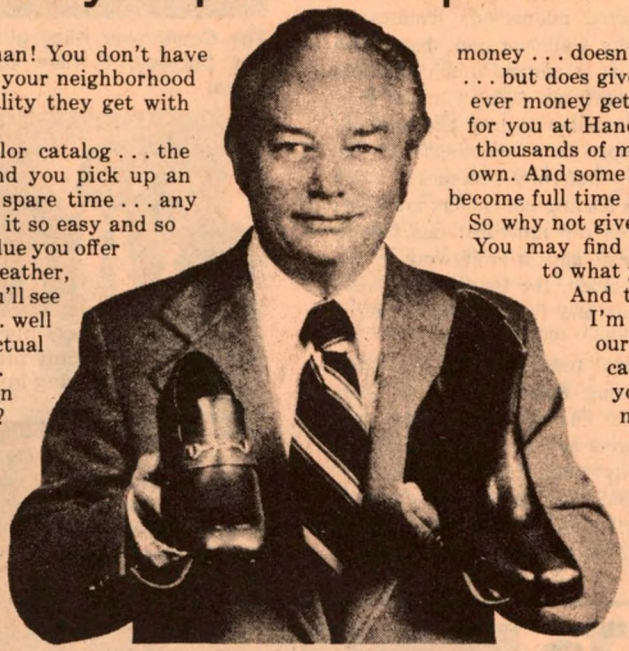

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CAULIFLOWER ALLEY CLUB

by JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS Angeles, Calif. — The battered pugnacious features of former junior welterweight king Mushy Callahan and sharp Irish wit of ex-welter boss Jimmy McLarnin, command much attention during the weekly meetings of the Cauliflower Alley Club of Hollywood. When vice-president Lou Nova the former heavyweight contender pounds the gavel to open the meetings at the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel the boxing fraternity becomes a laugh circus. Famous boxing champions and leading contenders are never forgotten they just fade away and join the rambunctuous Cauliflower Alley gang. Organized eight years ago in Hollywood to salute and honor boxing's illustrious ringmen, the Cauliflower Alley Club members many world champions and famous dignitaries in the star-studded membership.

Notable among the many club social functions was the recent Hall of Fame ceremonies held in Long Beach, Calif. to honor former middleweight champion Gene Fullmer with Sugar Ray Robinson, Gorilla Jones, Ceferino Garcia and Rodolfo Gonzales in attendance. On June 30, 1976 in Hollywood, former welterweight champ Young Corbett III was bestowed plaudits and inducted into the International Hall of Fame. Corbett a resident of Fresno, Calif. won the welterweight diadem in 1932 outpointing Jackie Fields in

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The Cauliflower Alley gan honors Ceferino Garcia. Left-to-right: Kid Chissell, Frankie Garcia, Mike Mazurki, Garcia, and Lou Nova.

A get-together at the Cauliflower Alley Club. On the left, former middleweight kings Ceferino Garcia and Sugar Ray Robinson. On the right, Georgie Levine, a crack welter of the twenties, former middleweight champ Gene Fullmer, and Abie Bain, who fought Maxie Rosenbloom, Tony Galento, and many other well known fighters.

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HARRY WARREN

Col. Donald Hull, former AAU chairman, addresses gathering honoring Molly and Lou Forman, seated at his left with Abe J. Greene, former New Jersey boxing commissioner and WBA president.

LOUIS Forman has been an ardent and enthusiastic boxing supporter for most of his life. Over the years, Lou has served with devotion to the National Veterans Boxing Association as the General Council and Executive Secretary, and his wife Molly, has served as the Secretary of the National Veteran Boxers Association, Ladies Auxiliary. Louis Noah Forman is a most successful attorney with a practice at 1540 Broadway, New York City. His expertise is fully appreciated by many boxing organizations, especially the Ring Physicians, Inc. V.B.A. Ring 8, of New York, of which he is a member, and this writer often wonders where he gets the time from to perform his multi-duties as a member of the United States Amateur Athletic Union Boxing Finance Committee and also as Treasurer and Commission President of the Confederation de las Americas de Boxeo Olimpico. Former Chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Section of New York State, Trial Lawyers Association, Arbitrator in the Civil Court, City of New York. Louis Forman is also credited with the framing of many resolutions, lawsuit infringements for the National V.B.A. and prepared much of the legal work on behalf of the N.V.B.A. who

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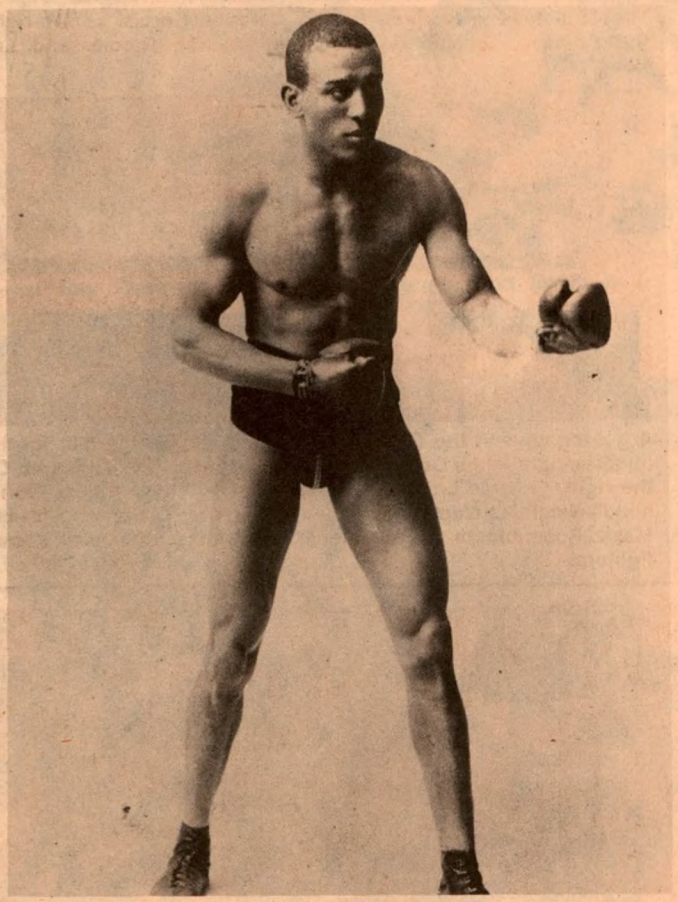
JOE GANS THE OLD MASTER

By LOUIS ZIPKIN



BENNY Leonard, Joe Luis, Jack Dempsey, Ray Robinson, and Muhammad Ali were all great fighters. But the greatest of them all?

It was Joe Gans, who could box and hit and do it all with the finesse of a master. And that's what they called him, "The Old Master."

He was the greatest ring general of all time! Anyone he fought (in his prime) more than once, and there were many, never had a chance the second time around. My former manager, the late Harry Lenny, a great teacher, whose opinion was highly respected by all boxing men, called him the greatest.

The late Nat Fleischer, founder of The Ring magazine and one of the greatest boxing historians, considered him the greatest.

Sam Taub, who has seen them all since the turn of the century, calls him the greatest.

Joe Gans, born Joseph Gaines, Nov. 25, 1874 in Baltimore, Md., worked as a young boy in the fish markets. He participated in many battle royals, which consisted of throwing four or five young would-be fighters in the ring at the same time. Only one could emerge a winner, and Gans did it every time!

Soon this striking brown-skinned boxer with great natural ability attracted the attention of Al Herford, prominent Baltimore manager.

Under Herford's watchful eye, Gans quickly polished his natural style, winning fight after fight in so doing. He watched all the great fighters of the day, studying their styles and practicing their best moves. Before long he became a beautiful boxer to watch with terrific K.O. power in either hand and as elusive as a shadow! Quickly, he became main bout calibre, stepping in with some great fighters of the time who were a lot more experienced. Still, he drew with the great Young Griffo, beat Walter Edgerton, and lost close decisions to Dal Hawkins, one of the greatest left hookers of all time, and to Bobby Dobbs, one of the most feared black fighters of the era. Later he came back to K.O. Griffo, stop Hawkins in 2.14 of the second round, and K.O. Dobbs in a return match. By this time, fight fans had nicknamed Joe "The Old Master," for, indeed, he was a master within the squared circle!

In 1898, Gans beat Kid McPartland and later K.O.'d him in five rounds. After stopping George McFadden in three rounds and Spike Sullivan in fourteen (he was the number one welterweight contender) Gans was then matched to fight Frank Erne for the lightweight title.

Remember that Joe Gans fought at a time when great fighters were in abundance, especially some great Negro fighters, who were shunned as if they had the plague, like the original Joe Walcott who became welterweight champion, and the great Sam Langford, who fought the best in all divisions from welter to heavyweights. He chased Jack Johnson around the world seeking a title match, to no avail. Gans fought them all, including Walcott and Langford.

And when he wasn't handcuffed, as he had to be to keep fighting, he defeated almost all of them with the greatest of ease! Prior to one of his earlier fights, his mother told him to "Bring Home The Bacon," and so one of pugilism's famous quotes was born.

In his first attempt at the lightweight title, Gans was leading by a wide margin going into the twelfth round when he was butted and received a bad cut above the eye. To the amazement of the spectators, Joe turned to the referee and asked him to stop the fight. Naturally, rumors spread about a fix. He told Lenny, who was his pal and sparring partner, that he would rather lose the fight than his eyesight. Also he had discovered one defect in Frank Erne's style and was convinced that he could beat the champion easily the next time they met.

Gans, in the next few months, set about destroying every challenger to the title. The champ was forced to give Joe a return match. Gans went into training at once. Harry Lenny, who had a style closely resembling Erne's, was his chief sparring partner. Together, they practised the "Old Master's plan to win the lightweight championship.

On May 12, 1902, Joe Gans fought and won the title, making boxing history by knocking out Frank Erne in the record time of one minute and forty seconds of the first round.

He defended his title against the best opponents available, and two years later, having run out of opponents, fought Joe Walcott for the welterweight crown. The bout ended in a twenty-round draw. Meanwhile, wherever Gans went, along went Harry Lenny. Harry became known as Joe Gans' policeman. One bout Harry told me about in great detail was his fight with Kid Stern, of Phila.

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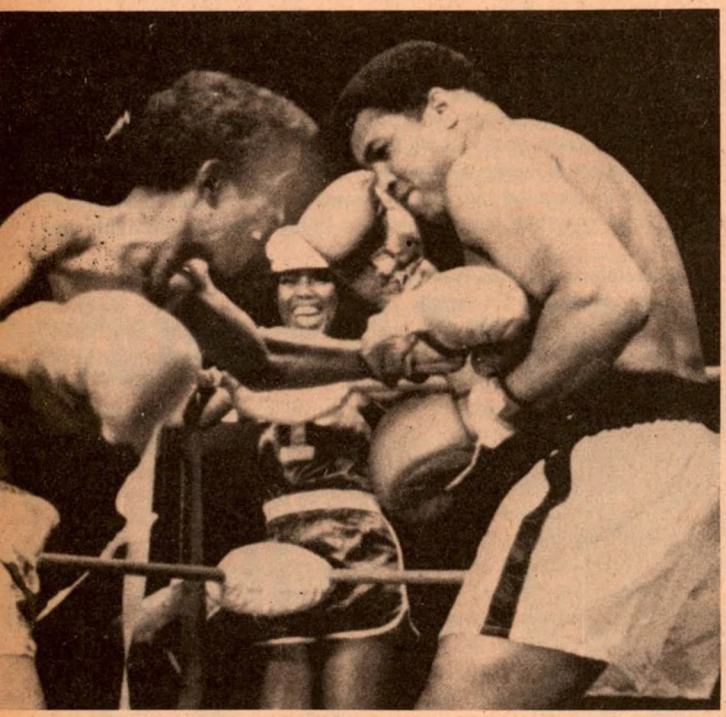
The RING camera clicks

World flyweight champion Miguel Canto takes time out from his training to buy a souvenir at a toy shop in downtown Tokyo.



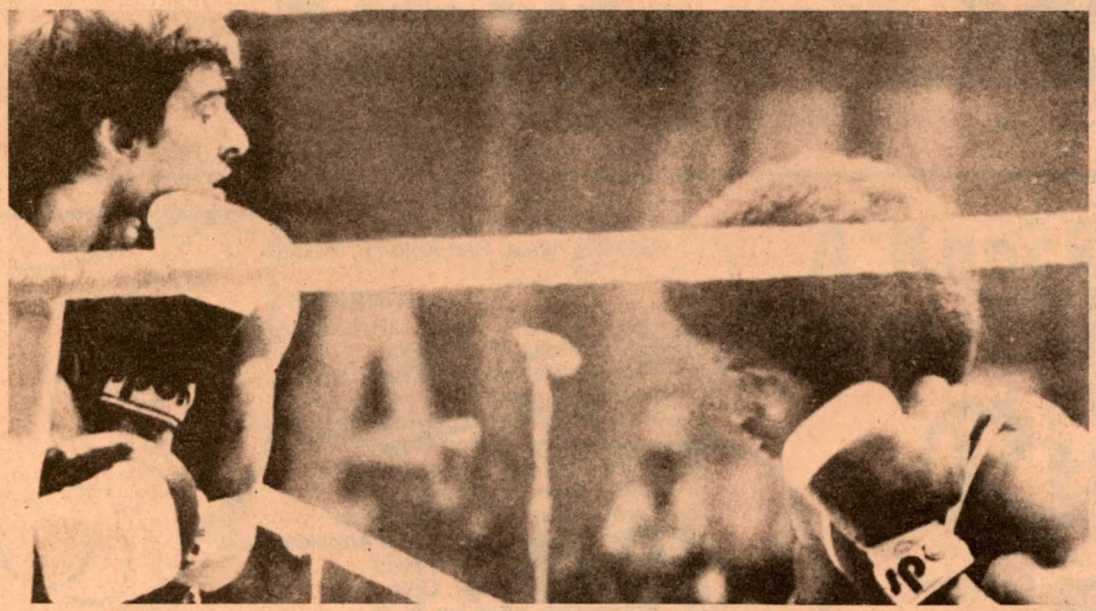
The one and only Sammy Davis, Jr. sends a left into the midsection of Muhammad Ali as the two square off during a benefit for congressional candidate Howard Bingham. Ali faced severl "contenders" in his efforts to help his former personal photographer.

James Scott raises his arm in victory after he knocked out Dasgol Robertson at one minute and sixteen seconds of the second round in a scheduled four-rounder at Rahway State Prison. Scott is serving a seven-year sentence. It was the first pro fight held in the institution.

Thai police carry a wounded boxing fan away and to the hospital after parts of stadium collapsed in Korat, Thailand. Wilfredo Gomez had defended WBC super bantam title with a kayo over Sakad Porntavee.

Sugar Ray Robinson looks over telegram from David L. Meister, sports director for Home Box Office, notifying him that he was named the greatest boxer of all-time by the Boxing Writer's Poll.

The great Joe Louis, flanked by former opponent Lou Nova and Ken Norton, celebrates his sixty-fourth birthday at his home in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Elichi Jumawan of the U.S.A., right, cornered Ristic Bratislav of Yugoslavia many times, but not enough to qualify for the quarter-finals of the welterweight division in the second annual World Amateur Boxing Championships in Belgrade.

Heavyweight champ Leon Spinks waves to cameraman after attending private party. Leon visited Marvin Woolfork, an old friend with whom he boxed in the Marine Corps.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 9, 1978)

HEAVYWEIGHTS

*MUHAMMAD ALI, Chicago, Ill.

1—Larry Holmes, Waston, Pa.
2—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
3—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
4—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
6—Earnie Shavers, Waren, Ohio
7—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
8—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
9—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
10—Randy Stephens, Dallas, Texas
11—Scott DeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
12—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
13—John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
14—Ibar Arrington, Seattle, Wash.
15—Bob Hazelton, Wichita, Kansas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

*ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.

1—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
2—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
5—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
9—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
10—Jesse Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Kevin Smith, Jersey City, N.J.
12—Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Marvin Camel, Boise, Utah
14—Pete McIntyre, San Diego, Calif.
15—Tom Hanna, Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.

1—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
3—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
5—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
7—Roy Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio
8—Milton Owens, Orlando, Fla.
9—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
10—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
11—Erwin Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Willie Warren, Dallas, Texas
13—Keith Broom, Washington, D.C.
14—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT

1—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
2—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3—Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
4—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
5—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
7—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
8—Rocky Mosley, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
10—Leroy Green, Kansas City, Mo.
11—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
12—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—Johnny Heard, Chicago, Ill.
14—Ricky Weigel, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Tommy Howard, Seattle, Wash.

WELTERWEIGHTS

*PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.

1—Randy Shields, Los Anegles, Calif.
2—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
3—Floyd Mayweather, Grand Rapids, Mich.
4—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.
8—Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
9—Tommy Hearns, Detroit, Mich.
10—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
11—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
12—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
13—Dale Staley, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
14—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
15—Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

*BRUCE CURRY, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
3—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
4—Tonny Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
5—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Larry Standon, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
7—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
8—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
9—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
10—Vic Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Robert Vasquez, Houston, Texas
12—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
13—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.
14—Hector Rivera, Puerto Rico
15—Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS

*JOHNNY LIRA, Chicago, Ill.

1—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
2—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
3—Andrew Ganigan, Honolulu, Hawaii
4—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Howard Davis, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
6—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
7—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
8—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Reynaldo Zaragonza, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
11—Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
12—Ruby Ortiz, Brooklyn, N.Y.
13—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
14—Rufus Miller, Paterson, N.J.
15—Felix Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

*ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico

1—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
3—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
4—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Greg Coverson, Detroit, Mich.
7—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
8—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
9—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Raymond Roman, Puerto Rico
12—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
13—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Ernesto Bing, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Roberto Quintanilla, San Antonio, Texas

* U.S. CHAMPION

FEATHERWEIGHTS

*DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
3—Sea O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
5—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
6—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
7—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
8—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
9—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
10—Gerald Hayes, East Orange, N.J.
11—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
13—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
14—Grady Cantera, San Antonio, Texas
15—Billy Alexander, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
7—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
8—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
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11—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
13—Sergio Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Armando Franco, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Daryl Jones, Stockton, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

*TITLE VACANT
1—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—D.C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
9—Raul Pecheco, Los Angeles, Calif.
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Champion Max Schmeling, on the scales, and Young Stribling weigh in for their title bout in Cleveland. That's Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, with the straw hat and the cigar. "Pa" Stribling stands behind his boy. The champ weighed in at 189; Stribling was 186½.

CONTENDERS: HEAVY-WEIGHTS, PART FIVE

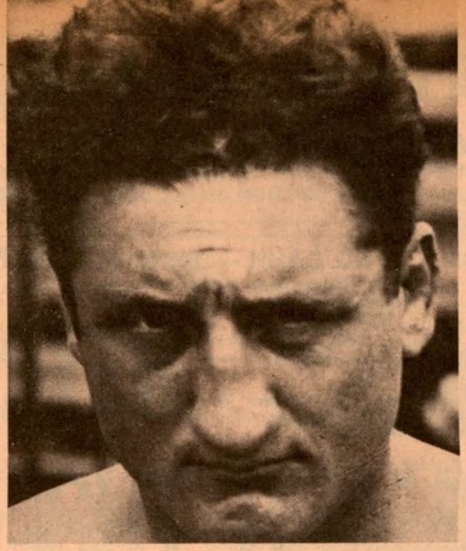
By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

WORLD heavyweight champion Max Schmeling was looking for a challenge in 1931. The challenger would have to be a good one, too, and popular enough to draw a gate that would make money for himself, the promoters, and the champion. The only other criterion was that the challenger not be Jack Sharkey. "Der Max" had won the crown while sitting on his pants in Yankee Stadium on June 12, 1930, while Sharkey, the "Boston Gob," was declared the loser on a foul. Schmeling was willing to mix it in a second go with Sharkey, but not before he had made some money with the crown while facing other challengers.

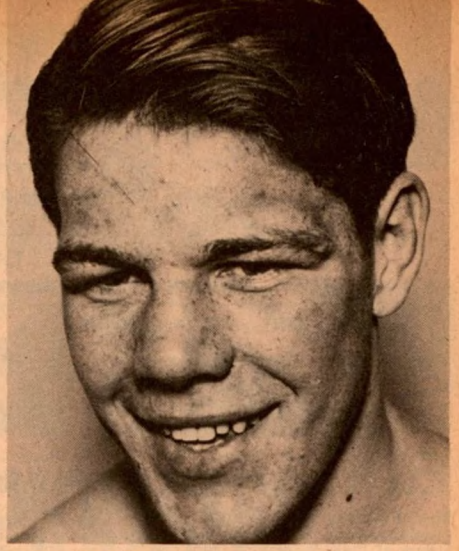
The top contender, besides Sharkey, was a

Referee George Blake holds up Max Schmeling's hand in victory after halting matters at 2:46 of the fifteenth and last round. It was the only time that Young Stribling was stopped in his 286-bout career.

The dynamite right hand of Otto Von Porat kayoed top heavyweights like K.O. Christner, Jack DeMave, and Tom Heeney.



Another of the "giants," Victorio Campolo beat George Cook, Roberto Roberti, Heeney, and Arthur DeKuh.



Nebraska's "Tuffy" Griffiths was a leading trial horse. Jimmy Braddock shot to fame when he kayoed the "Pender Pounder" on November 30, 1928.

twenty-six year old light heavuweight, William Lawrence (Young) Stribling, who had scored 117 knockouts (breaking all known records of that time) in a pro career that had begun when he was sixteen years of age. A good many of his victories, of course, were over "stiffs," but he had faced most of the top men, too, like Sharkey, to whom he'd lost a close decision in Miami on February 27, 1929. He'd kayoed Sully Montgomery, Quinton Romero Rojas, George Cook, Italian Jack Herman, and Martin Burke, and beaten Slattery, Loughran, Risko, Chuck Wiggins, Maxie Rosenbloom, and Young Bob Fitzsimmons. The only real beating that he'd taken had been given him by light haevyweight champion Paul Berlenback, when the "king of the Canebrakes," as Stribling was called, ran out of steam in the closing rounds of a bid for the Astoria Assassin's 175-pound diadem.

Most of Stribling's major victories had been in the light heavyweight division. That class, however, did not make anywhere near the money that the heavyweight division did, so Stribling and his manager (his father, "Pa" Stribling) began concentrating on the latter wieght class in 1929. It was in 1930 that Young Stribling firmly established his claim to being the number two contender for the heavyweight title. His record for that year is nothing short of sensational.

Ten fights (nothing for Stribling, who had more than fifty during one year of campaigning), all victories, with seven knockouts. But his victims were what really made the difference. His first fight for that year was against Jack DeMave, the "Golden Boy," a heavyweight contender. Result: Stribling was the winner by a first-round knockout.

His fourth fight of the year: Chicago, June the twentieth. Otto von Porat was his opponent. Von Porat, a Norwegian, had won most of his fights in the U.S. with early kayos, and, in spite of Stribling's knockout of DeMave and his long record, was a slight

Harold Mays beat Tony Galento, King Soloman, and Jim Braddock. Mays was never stopped in his professional career.

favorite in the betting. Jimmy Jones descirbed the action in his biography of Stribling, *King of The Canebrakes*. "When the bell clanged for round one under the hot glow of the overhead kleig lights, W.L. stepped out quickly, circled Von Porat a couple of times and then, as they came to close quarters, he let fly a vicious hook to the chin that stretched the Norwegian on the canvas before the huge crowd was barely seated."

Stribling followed with two startling kayos: Phil Scott in two rounds in Londo on July 28 and K.O. Christner in Boston o October 31. He finished out the year b beating Arthur DeKuh, Whitey Gorsline, a Tuffy Griffiths.

Won NBA

The Schmeling-Stribling fight was held Cleveland's Municipal Stadium on July 3, 1931. It was not a sell-out; the official attendance was 37,396 and the official gross receipts were only $349,415. Stribling took five of the first six rounds, but from the tenth round on, the "Black Uhlan" was in full command. By the fourteenth round, the fight was Schmeling's and in the fifteenth, Der Max unleashed an onslaught that put Stribling on the canvas for only the third time in his career. Stribling rose, but referee George Blake called a halt seconds later, before Max could move in for what looked like the "kill."

Actually, the fight had only fourteen seconds to go, and Stribling lost his record of never having been stopped because of Blake's action. Yet, George Blake was a referee, a good and honest one, and not a "clockwatcher." The clock aside, he did the right thing.

Young Stribling, one of the greatest feinters in the history of boxing and the compiler of one of the sport's most spectacular career records, never got another title shot. "The King of Canebrakes" was never a champion, but he was, in many minds, a little something more than a "contender."

Here are a few vignettes of notable heavywieghts of 1931:

YOUNG STRIBLING

William Lawrence Stribling, Jr. was born in Bainbridge, Georgia on December 26, 1904. In the fall of 1908, his father formed the family into a vaudeville act, "The Four

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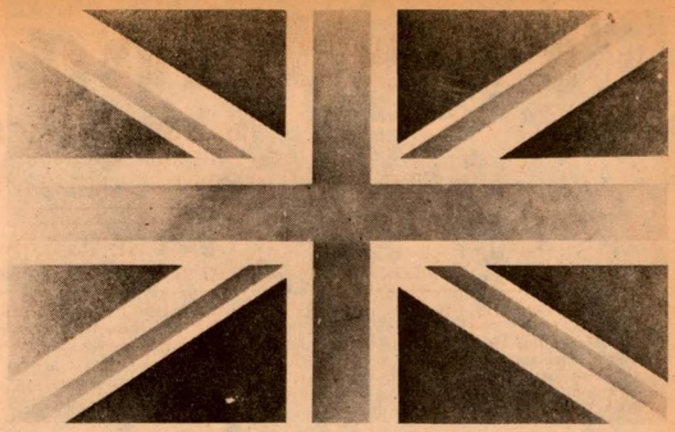


By JOHN ORT

The British Commonwealth heavyweight championship was started in 1910, when Canada's Tommy Burns, the former world champion, outpointed Bill Land of Australia. From 1910 to 1970, the title was called the Empire championship. Now the Empire has become the Commonwealth of Nations, with strong ties to Mother England.

Members of the Commonwealth at this writing are: Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, England, Guyana (formerly British Guiana), Canada, Eire (whose naturalized British subjects are eligible for the Commonwealth title), Fiji, Ghana, Jamaica, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Papua, New Guinea, Scotland, South Africa, Samoa, Tonga, Trinidad, Wales, and Zambia. Note: Petty Officer "Nutty" Curran became champion on January 18, 1911, defeating Bill Land on a first-round disqualification at the Olympia in London. No photograph of Curran is available. He fought out of England.

TOMMY BURNS
Canada
Empire Champion: 1910
Won title: April 7, 1910, defeating Bill Land, Australia, via twenty-round decision in Sydney, Australia. (World heavyweight king, 1906-1908)

BOMBARDIER BILLY WELLS
England
Empire Champion: 1911-1919
Won title: December 18, 1911, defeating Fred Storbeck, South Africa, via kayo in eleven rounds at the National Sporting Club in London, England. (British heavyweight king, 1911-1919)

JOE BECKETT
England
Empire Champion: 1919-1922
Won title: February 27, 1919, kayoing Billy Wells, England, in the fifth round at Holborn Stadium in London, England. (British heavyweight king, 1919-1923) Beckett is shown on the right against Eddie McGoorty, whom he kayoed in the seventeenth round.

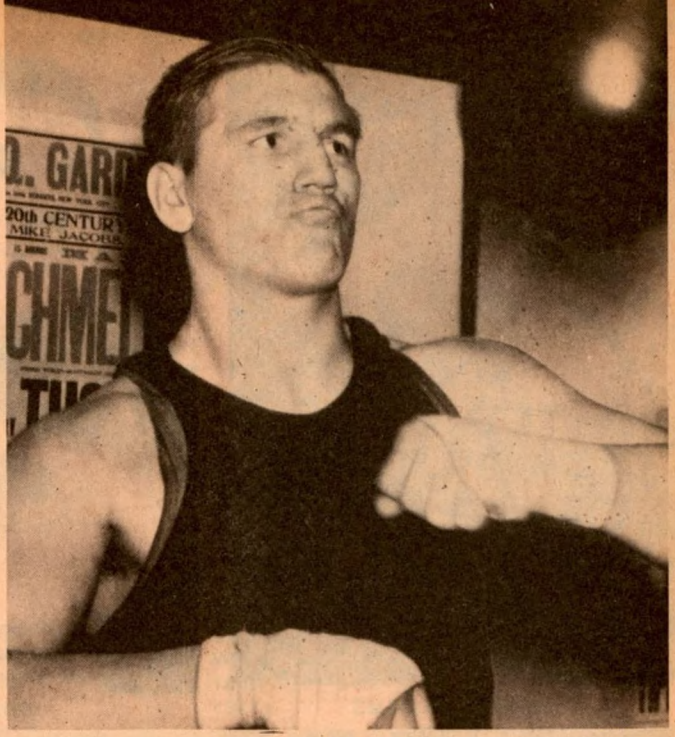
PHIL SCOTT
England
Empire Champion: 1926
Won Title: January 27, 1926, defeating George Cook, Australia, via dis. 17, in Holland Park, London. British Champion 1926.

LARRY GAINS
Canada
Empire Champion: 1931-1933
Won title: June 13, 1931, kayoing Phil Scott, England in the second round, in Albert Hall, London.

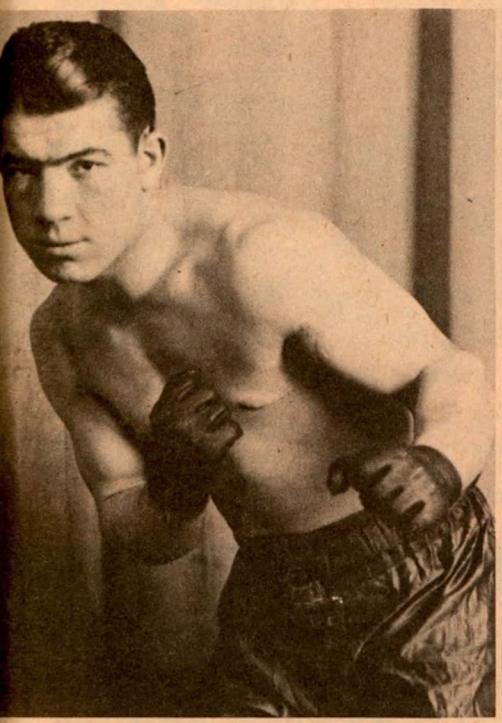
LEN HARVEY
England
Empire Champion: 1934 and 1939.
Won title: Febraury 8, 1934, defeating Larry Gains, Canada, via 15 round decision, Albert Hall, London. 1939 won title from Gains via TKO in 13 rounds in Harringay Arena, London. (British Champion, 1933 and 1938)

JACK PETERSEN
Wales
Empire Champion: 1934-1936
Won title: June 4, 1934, stopping Len Harvey, England via kayo in 12, in White City, London. (British Champion, 1932-1933 and 1934-1936)

BEN FOORD
South Africa
Empire Champion: 1936
Won title: August 17, 1936, via tko over Jack Petersen, Wales, 3 rounds, in Leicester. (British Champion, 1936).



TOMMY FARR
Wales
Empire Champion: 1937
Won title: March 15, 1937, via 15 round decision over Ben Foord, South Africa, in Harrington Arena, London. Gave up the title same year. British champion, 1937, gave up title same year)



JACK LONDON
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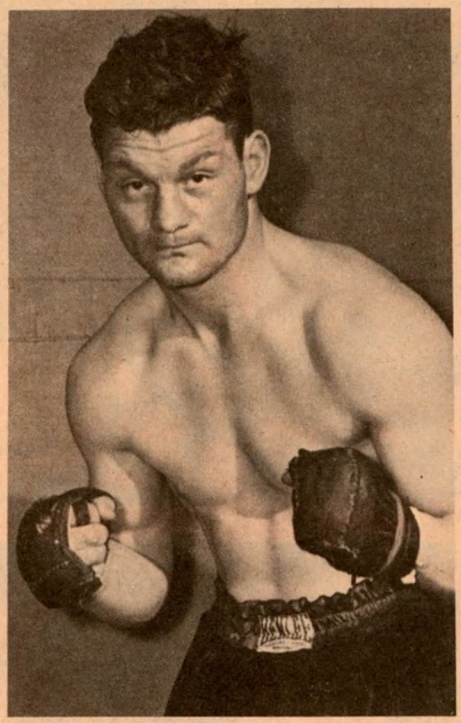
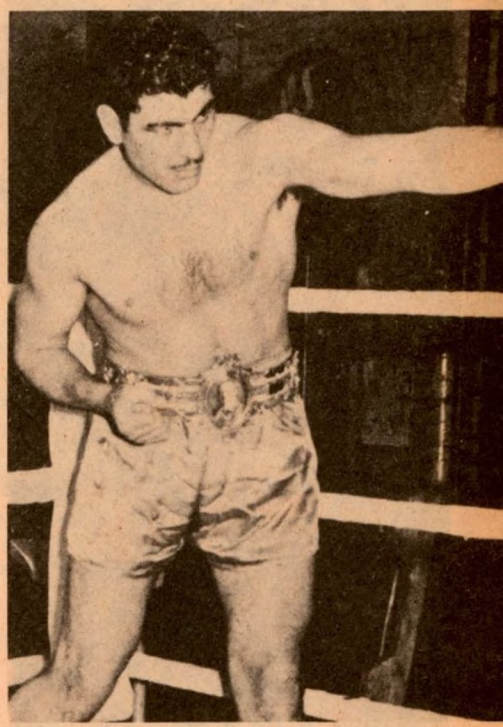
Empire Champion: 1944
Won title: September 15, 1944, via 15 round decision over Freddie Mills, England, in Manchestet (British Champion, 1944)



BRUCE WOODCOCK
England
Empire Champion: 1945-1949
Won title: July 17, 1945, via kayo over Jack London, England, 6th round, in Tottenham, England. (British Champion, 1945-1949; E.B.U. king, 1946-1949)



JACK GARDNER
England
Empire Cahmpion: 1950-1952
Won title: November 14, 1950, via tko in 11 over Bruce Woocock, Egnland, in Earl's Court, London. (British Champion 1950-1952. E.B.U. king 1951)

JOHNNY WILLIAMS
Wales
Empire Champion: 1952-1953
Won title: March 11, 1952, via round decision over Jack Gardner, England, in Earl's Court, London. (British Champion 1952-1953.)

DON COCKELL
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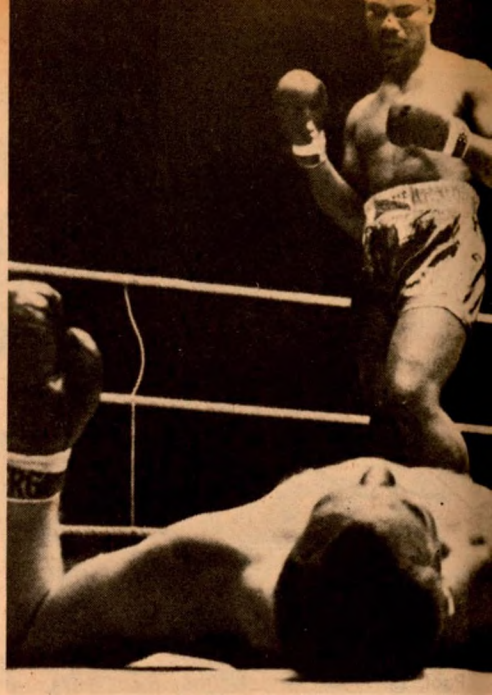
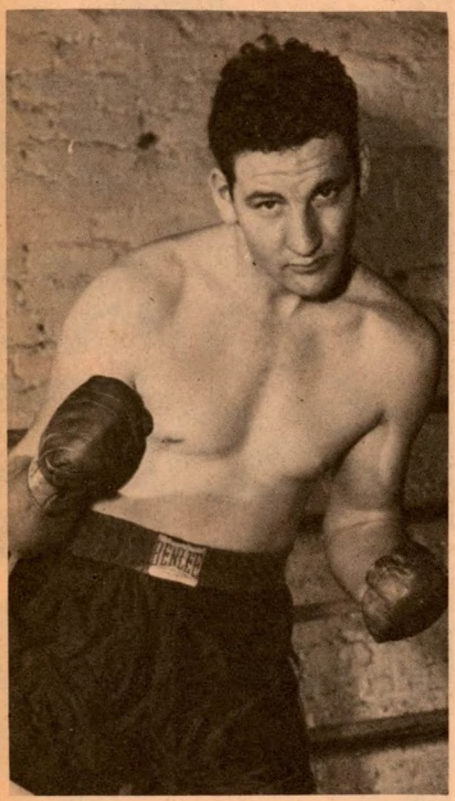
Empire Champion: 1953-1954
Won title: May 12, 1953, via 15 round decision over Johnny Williams, Wales, in Harrington Arena, London. British Champion 1953-1956, retired champion.



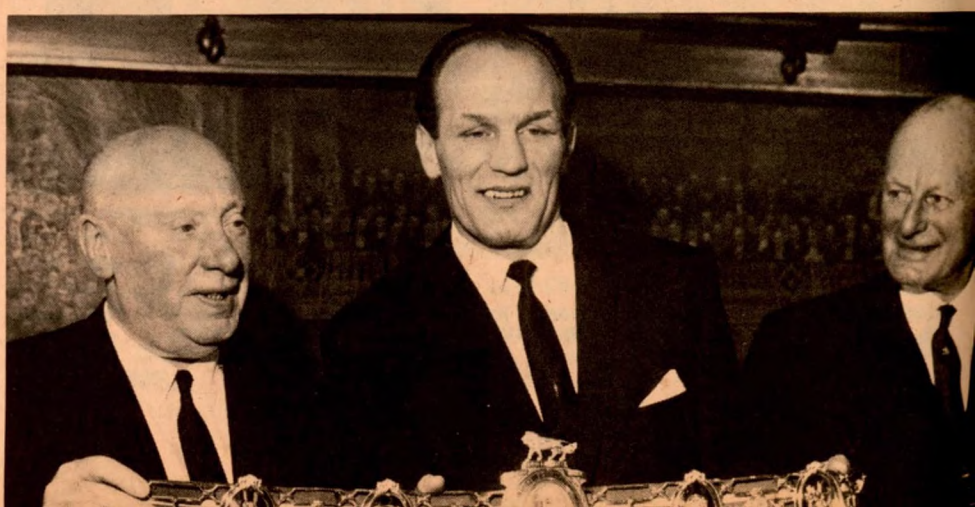
JOE BYGRAVES
Jamaica, W.I.
Empire Champion: 1956-1957
Won title: June 26, 1956, via 15 round decision over Kitione Lave, Tonga, in Wembley Pool, London. Photo shows Joe standing over Albert Westphal, whom he kayoed in one.



JOE ERSKINE
Wales
Empire Champion: 1957-1958.
Won title: November 25, 1957, via 15 round decision over Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, W.I., in Leichester, Wales. (British Champion 1956-1958.)

BRIAN LONDON
England
Empire Champion: 1958-1959
Won title: June 3, 1958, via kayo over Joe Erskine, Wales, 8 round, in White City, London. (British Champion 1958-1959.)

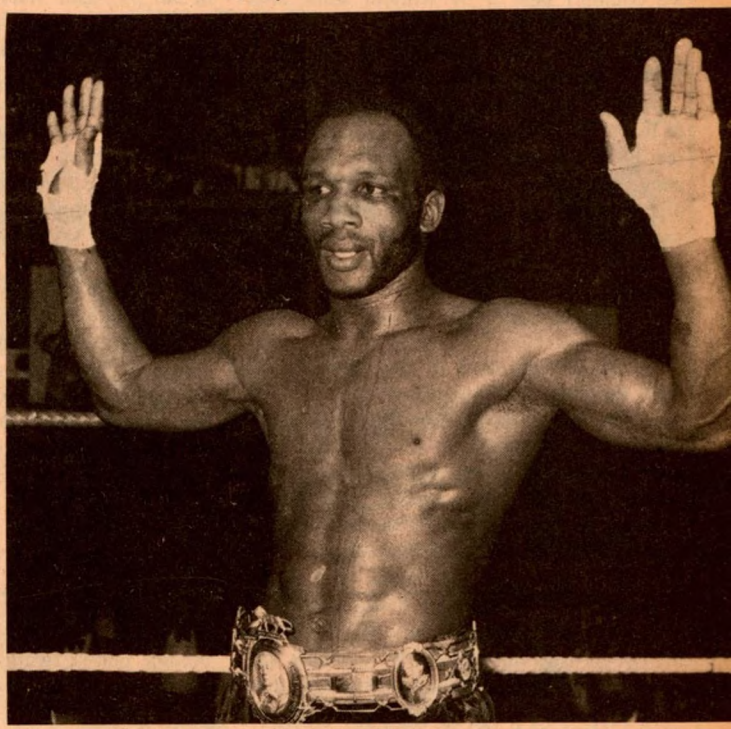
HENRY COOPER
England
Empire Champion: 1959-1970
Won title: January 12, 1959, via 15 round-decision over Brian London, England, in Earl's Court, London. (British Champion 1959-1967 and 1970-1971.



JOE BUGNER
England
Commonwealth Champion: 1971 and 1976
Won title: March 6, 1971, via 15 round decision over Henry Cooper, England, In Wembley Pool, London: October 12, 1976, via kayo 1, over Richard Dunn, England, in Wembley Pool, London. (British Champion, 1971, and 1976, gave up both crowns March 1977; E.B.U. king 1972-1975 and 1976)

JACK BODELL
England
Commonwealth Champion: 1971-1972
Won title: September 27, 1971, via 15 round decision over Joe Bugner, England, in Wembley Pool, London. (British Champion 1969-1970 and 1971-1972; E.B.U. king 1971.)

DANNY MCALINDEN
Northern Ireland
Commonwealth Champion: 1972-1975
Won title: July 27, 1972, via kayo 2 over Jack Bodell, England, in Birmingham, England. (British Champion 1972-1975.)



BUNNY JOHNSON
England
Commonwealth Champion: 1975
Won title: January 13, 1975, via kayo 9 over Danny McAlinden, Northern Ireland, in W.S.C., London. (British Champion, 1975.) First black to win British title.

RICHARD DUNN
England
Commonwealth Champion: 1975-1976
Won title: September 30, 1975, via 15 round decision over Bunny Johnson, England, in Wembly Pool, London. (British Champion, 1975-1976; E.B.U. king, 1976.)

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

MEMORIES, memories. Time flies. Correspondence piles up. Thanks to Bill Gallo and his gang on the Boxing Writers for the laurels they heaped upon Yours Truly. A beautiful microphone. A glove out of this world, with proper identification, from the swell gang at Everlast, will also be a momento for some time. Thanks to gang who helped make it a wonderful night, not forgetting our Editor-Publisher Nat Loubet and his lovely family. Also, our thanks to Marvin Kohn, Boxing Commission big wig and Tom Kenville. Our publisher and editor is handling the affair in a special article but we couldn't pass it by without some comment. It was a great show.

THE thrill we got at the Ken Norton man of the year award and others honored, was to see Jack Dempsey and his lovely wife, Deanne, on the eve of the Manassa Mauler's eighty-third birthday. Bill Gallo, the fine cartoonist for *The New York Daily News*, afterwards, in a story in his newspaper, hailed the "Manassa Mauler" as his greatest warrior, and we are happy to say he is ours, also.

In our classification of the heavyweights from the past, we have always said Jim Jeffries, the boiler maker, was the hardiest, and next to him, came Jack Johnson, the giant from Galveston, Texas. But to those we personally saw, no one supplied more excitement than Jack Dempsey, the giant killer, with Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomer" our second chioce, and later came Muhammad Ali, the best of the modern clan.

Remembering that hot July 4th night back in 1919, who can forget the amazing performance of Demsey in battering the giant Willard into a helpless hulk. We spent that afternoon at Jack Jennings' Oakland A.A., in Jersey City, where, that smae afternoon, Charley Beecher, East Side featherwieght, met popular Joe Lynch, managed by the late Eddie Mead, in the feature event. While Beecher was surprising with a clever no-decision win over his New York rival, who ran into the arena and jumped through the ropes but Scotty Monteith, manager of the great Johnny Dundee. He was shouting, "Jack Dempsey is the champion, Jack Dempsey is the champion," and the crowd went wild interrupting the local fight for a few minutes.

All the members of the past came back to us at the Boxing Writers get together and we were proud of the veteran as he was given a standing ovation on the eve of his eighty-third birthday. What made us gloat was the fact that we had picked Jack to beat the giant from Kansas, event though sports editor Weed Dickinson, of *The Morning Telegraph*, to make us feel good, said he thought the Mauler was great, but too small. My beloved Bat Masterson, who had picked Jess to beat Jack Johnson, felt the then champion was too big and strong for the Jack Kearns man.

SADDENED at the news that the oldest fistic arena in Barberton, Ohio is scheduled for demolition sometime in October. The former Opera House on the building's second floor was the scene years back for many of our pugilistic stars of that era as they displayed their wares. It was a popular fight spot and fighters from all over the country functioned there. Among the still known gladiators who showed their wares in the Ohio town were Kid Norfolk, Marty Burke, Mike Sullivan, Bill Brennan, Jack 'Kid' Wolfe, a Cleveland idol, Tut Jackson, George Godfrey, Charley Pitts , the Australian, Johnny Rosner and Ever Hammer, of Chicago. The purses couldn't have been big but they all fought there in those days and were glad to go to Barberton, Ohio. Their outstanding years were 1924 and 1925. Walsh and Kinney were prominent in those days and they stood out as matchmakers. Memories . . . Barberton Ohio, has left its imprint on the boxing game.

OFTEN, you get letters from fight fans whom you have met or know through friends. We received one of them from Tony Mainiro, of 735 Klondike Avenue, Staten Island. Tony had met a lot of boxing people while working at the Kings Pharmacy, in Brooklyn. Tony, a close friend of ex-bantam king Lou Salica, is proud of the sports people he runs into.

Tony told us of a meeting he had with a fine gentleman by the name of Sid Rose, who was a well known English fighter, he had some seventy-three fights. Rose came here from London for his granson's Bar Mitzvah and also attended meetings of Ring #8, with Al Reid as its president at the time. Tony meets many former ring gladiators at Kings Pharmacy. Besides Salica, Billy Metz, Young Firpo, Herman Wallace, Charlie Varre and his one time idol, Herbie Kronowitz.

Tony loves to talk of the fighters he has met. One of his favorites was the late Willie Bergman, who was a brother of Jackie 'Kid' Berg, a popular English scrapper in the days of Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross, who was managed here by Sol Gold and Frankie Jacobs.

SONNY Werblin, now head man in Madison Square Garden, is a man who is generally admired in everything he has undertaken in sports. Hence we are happy to pass along the following laurels being heaped upon him. We like him as do many others for his manner in handling matters pertaining to sports and his current post with the Garden. The Werblin Story: David A. (Sonny) Werblin, president nand chief executive officer of Madison Square Garden Corporation, was designated 1978 recipient of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Silver Hope Chest Award.

Werblin was named "because of his extraordinary contributions to the entertainment of millions in many areas of the sports world," acoording to John F. McGillicuddy, national society president and president of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

The honor, awarded each year to an outstanding sports figure or supporter, will be presented to Werblin on Ocotber 24 in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at the Seventh Annual MS Dinner of Champions, it was announced by Martin S. Davis, national dinner chairman and executive vice president of Gulf & Western Industries, Inc.

Werblin's legendary career includes building the New York Jets, while its president from 1963 to 1968, into the team that subsequently became professional football's world champion.

"As chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority during 1971-1977, Werblin developed the Meadowlands Race Track and Giants Stadium, home of the New York Giants professional football and New York Cosmos professional soccer teams.

"Werblin's present responsibilities include supervision of the Madison Square Garden sports center in New York, the New York Knickerbockers professional basketball team and the New York Rangers professional hockey club."

WE are delighted to report that Jack Grebelsky is in good health once again.

AS we were putting this number to sleep, we heard from the members of Ring 8 about the passing of our little pal, Johnny Pena. He was a charter member of the organization. Johnny passed away last April. His buddy, also with Ring #8, Pete DeGrasse, the Seminole Indian from Florida died sometime ago. They were two wonderful humans.

PACKY CARUSO & ACE HAWKINS

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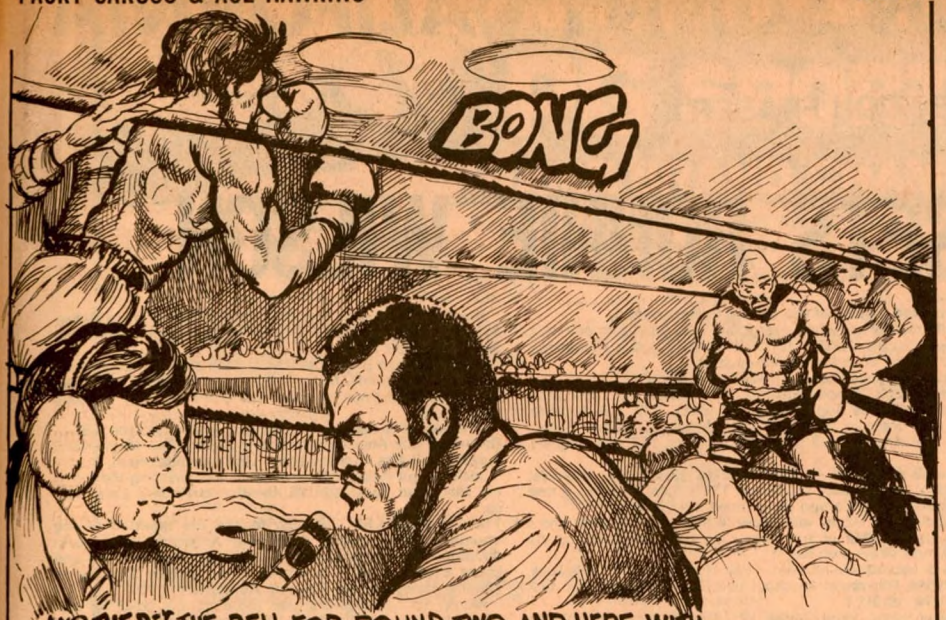

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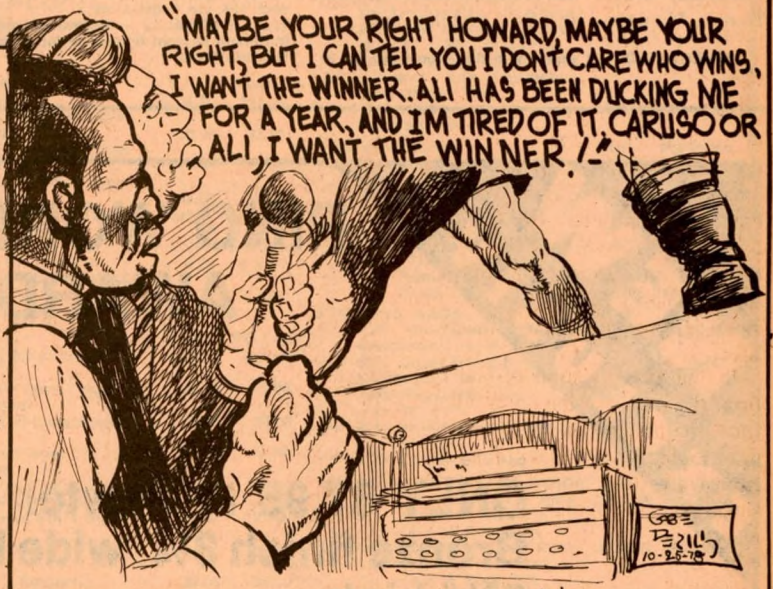
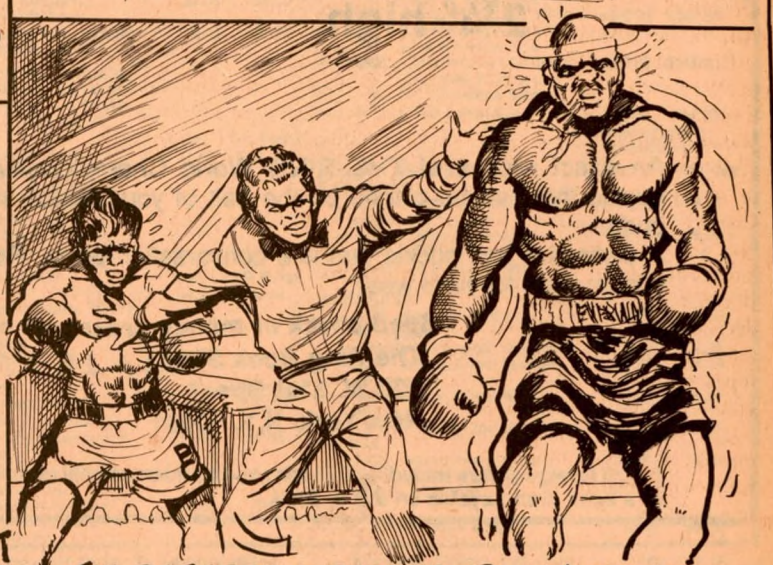
"WELL HOWARD, THIS KID HAS SPEED AND POWER, "WOW" LOOK AT THAT DOUBLE RIGHT HAND.., BUT BABA'S GOT SIZE AND EXPERIENCE. I THINK BABA WILL GET TO CARUSO IN 8 OR 9 ROUNDS."

"I DONT KNOW BEN, LOOK AT THIS KID HE'S MAKING ALI MISS! AND EVERY TIME BABA MISSES, PACKY HOOKS TO THE BODY. LOOK'S TO ME LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE, CLOSE AND TOUGH."



"MAYBE YOUR RIGHT HOWARD, MAYBE YOUR RIGHT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU I DON'T CARE WHO WINS, I WANT THE WINNER. ALI HAS BEEN DUCKING ME FOR A YEAR, AND I'M TIRED OF IT. CARUSO OR ALI, I WANT THE WINNER!"

"I AGREE BEN. YOU EARNED A SHOT AT THE TITLE, BUT RIGHT NOW PACKY CARUSO HAS HIS SHOT, AND HE'S MAKING THE BEST OF IT..



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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

PROVO UPSETS RONNIE WILSON

SAN DIEGO — Len Provo, 172¾, San Diego, uncorked a mild upset in defeating veteran Ronnie Wilson, 173, Vancouver, B.C., in a fast paced ten-rounder at the Coliseum.

Close to 1,500 fans paid $4,699.

Other bouts: David Wynne, 213, San Diego, decision over Elliott Bryant, 225, San Diego, six; Irish Bert Lee, 148, San Diego, and Cisco Ortega, 147, Mexico, drew six; Joel Carranza, 143, National City, KO over Lalo Hernandez, 148, Mexico, four; Mike Hickman, 157½, San Diego, decision over Dennis Mancino, 160, Los Angeles, four.

▲BAKERSFIELD — It was one of the largest crowds in the limited history of pro boxing in Bakersfield.

A turn-away gathering over 2,000 paid $8,092 to see local favorite Ruben Castillo, 127, out distance Jesus Hernandez, 127, Mexico, in an exciting ten-rounder.

This now gives Ruben a perfect 16-0 mark.

Other bouts: Agapito Ramirez, 147, Mexico, dec. over Larry Duran, 148, Los Angeles, six; Kid Meza, 127, Los Angeles, KO over Pascual Villarreal, 125, Mexico, 2; Danny Patino, 129, Los Angeles, KO over Jose Claudiop 127, Los Angeles, two.

▲LOS ANGELES — After Ernesto Rios, 123½, Mexicali, Mexico, gave Danny O'Campo, 124½, Los Angeles, a one sided lacing, O'Campo announced his retirement.

Rios caught Danny with hooks to the head and body and it was just a matter of time before the bout was halted at the 1:36 mark of the sixth round.

In a second ten-rounder, Jose Rodriguez, 129, Mexicali, scored a fifth round knockout over Ramon Cervantes, 129, Tijuana.

Other bouts: Jorge Garcia, 121, Mexico, dec. over Lorenzo Ramirez, 120, Los Angeles, four; Sultan Salabin, 148, Los Angeles, KO over Mike Rundell, 146½, Los Angeles, one; Ricky Weigel, 153½, Los Angeles, decision over Ted Sanders, 154, Los Angeles, six.

▲LOS ANGELES — Herman Montes, after winning his thirteenth straight fight, sent out a challenge to Olympian Howard Davis.

However, ringsiders feel that Montes needs more action against tougher opposition than he faced in Isaac Marin, 136, San Jose, Costa Rico.

Young Herman pitched almost a clean shutout winning nine out of the ten rounds. Marin, a 30-year-old veteran, was making his first start since he was ko'ed in one round by Bazooka Limon.

In a second scheduled ten-rounder, Jimmy Jackson, 151½, Southwest Los Angeles, dispatched Sultan (The Magnificent) Saladin, 152, Los Angeles, after 1:22 of the fifth round.

Jackson put Saladin down twice before finishing the job in the fifth. Juan Sanchez, 126, decision over Jose Lara, 126, six.

▲LOS ANGELES — Oscar Muniz, the talented young cousin of welterweight contender Armando Muniz, predictably captured his twelfth victory against one loss and three draws with a decision over Ruben Solario of Tijuana, Mexico at the Olympic Auditorium.

Muniz, 119, Pico-Rivera, was too much the boxer for Solario, who lost his first bout following eleven wins. Ruben weighed 119.

In the eight-round semifinal, Juan Martinez, 124, decisioned Chamaco Reyes, 124, Mexico. Other results: Alfredo Carranza, 134½, Los Angeles, decision over Genaro Gloria, 140, Los Angeles, six; Elizano Mercedes, 114½, Los Angeles, decision over Juan Garcia, 114½, Mexico, five.

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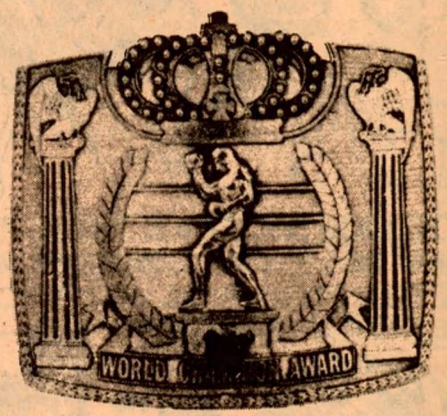

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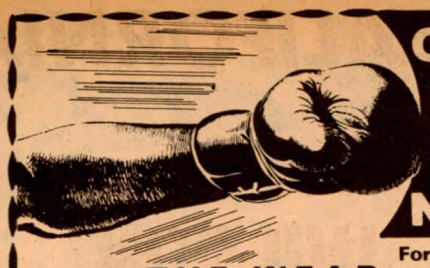

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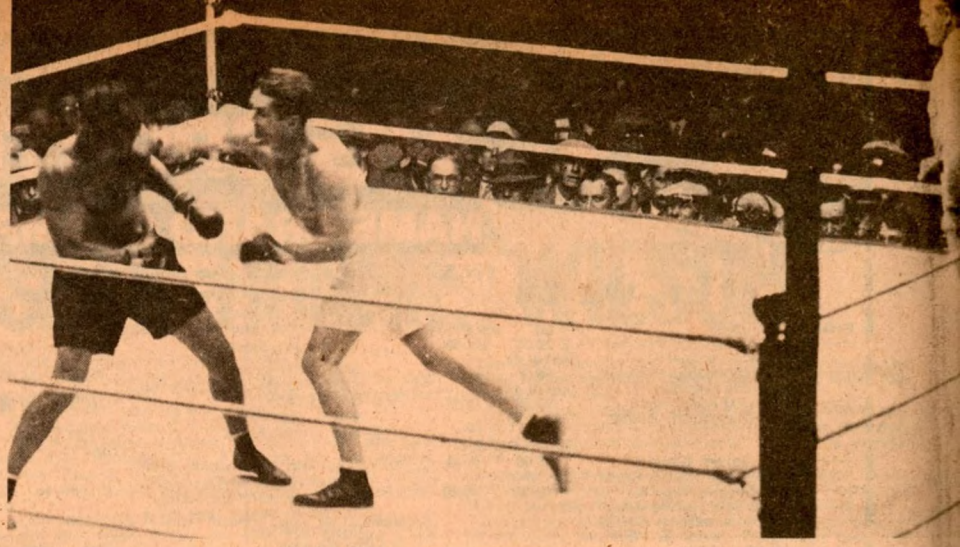
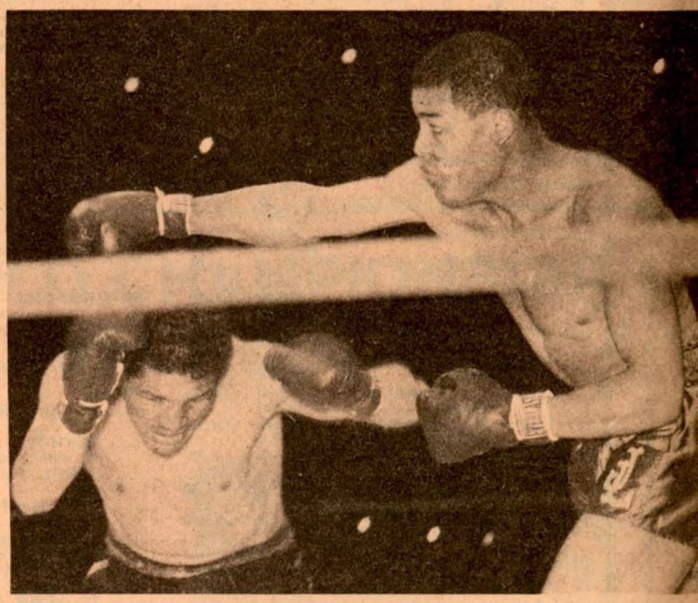
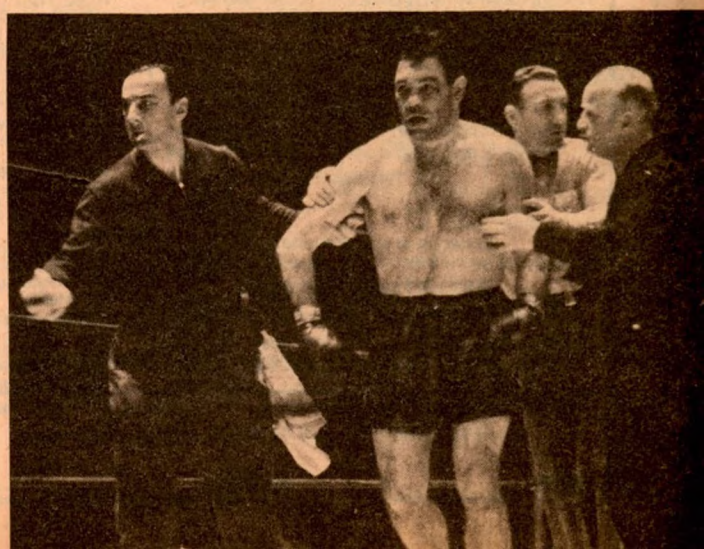


Luis Firpo, "The Wild Bull of The Pampas," lands a right to champ Jack Dempsey's jaw during their great fight at the Polo Grounds, September 14, 1923.

HISPANICS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE



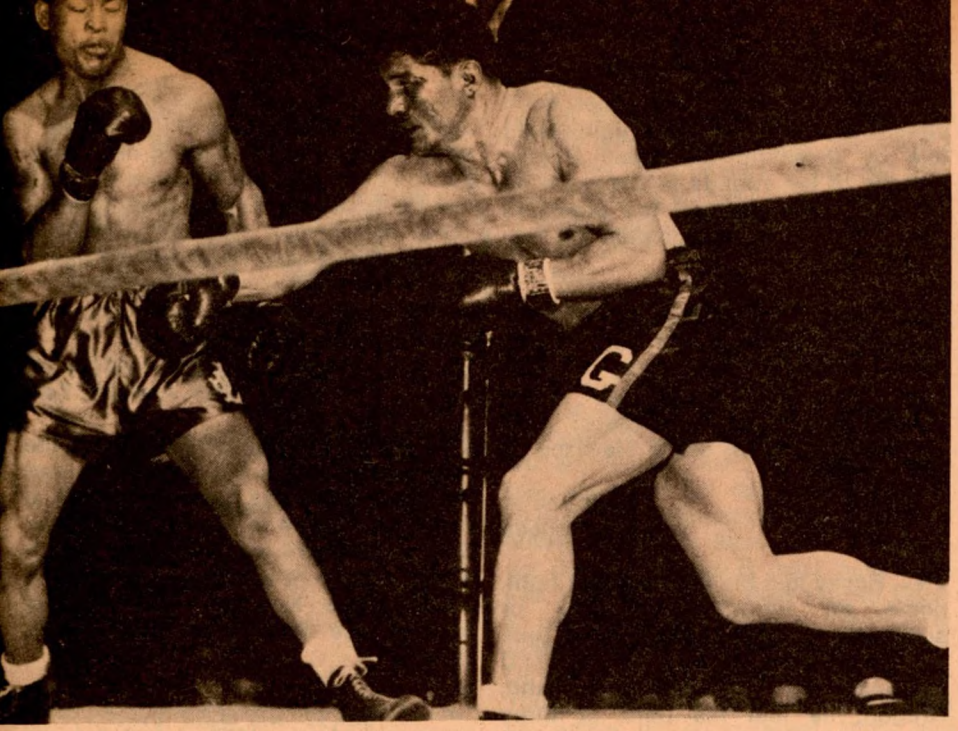
(Above) Arturo Godoy ducks a right by champ Joe Louis in their first fight, at Madison Square Garden, February 9, 1940. Louis won a split decision. (Below) Paulino Uzcudun went fifteen rounds in losing to champion Primo Carnera in Rome, Italy, October 22, 1933. Carnera scaled 259½ for this fight while Uzcudun weighed in at 229¼, the most total "poundage" carried in a title fight.



By ARTHUR REMBERT

WHEN you consider the fact that a hispanic holds every world title in boxing with the exception of the vacant lightheavy and featherweight championships, it makes you sort of wonder why a Latin has never held the heavyweight champion of the world. To date, Luis Angel Firpo, Arturo Godoy, Paulino Uzcudun, Joe "King" Roman, and the current European champion, Alfredo Evangelista, are the only hispanics to have fought for the crown. Oddly enough, the title bouts that all five challengers participated in are still discussed today, one way or another.

When you talk about hispanic fighters almost winning the title, you immediately come up with the name Luis Angel Firpo. Known as the "Wild Bull of the Pampas," Firpo actually asked promoter Tex Richard to postpone his title bout with champion Jack Dempsey until the following year because he felt he needed more experience. Rickard said no and it's a good thing for Dempsey that he did because, late in the first round, after Jack had sent Angel to the canvas no less than seven times, "the bull" caught Dempsey with a right hand chop wihc knocked him out of the ring and onto the typewriter of reporter Jack Lawrence. When Dempsey returned to his corner at the end of the round, his manager, Jack Kearns, gave it to him straight-no chaser. "Get this guy before he gets you." Being an obedient champion, Jack went out and did exactly



The Louis-Godoy rematch, Yankee Stadium, June 20, 1940. Joe kayoed Godoy in 1:24 of the eighth round. The attendance was surprisingly low-only 26,640 paying customers.

World champion George Foreman lands a right to the jaw of Jose (King) Roman.

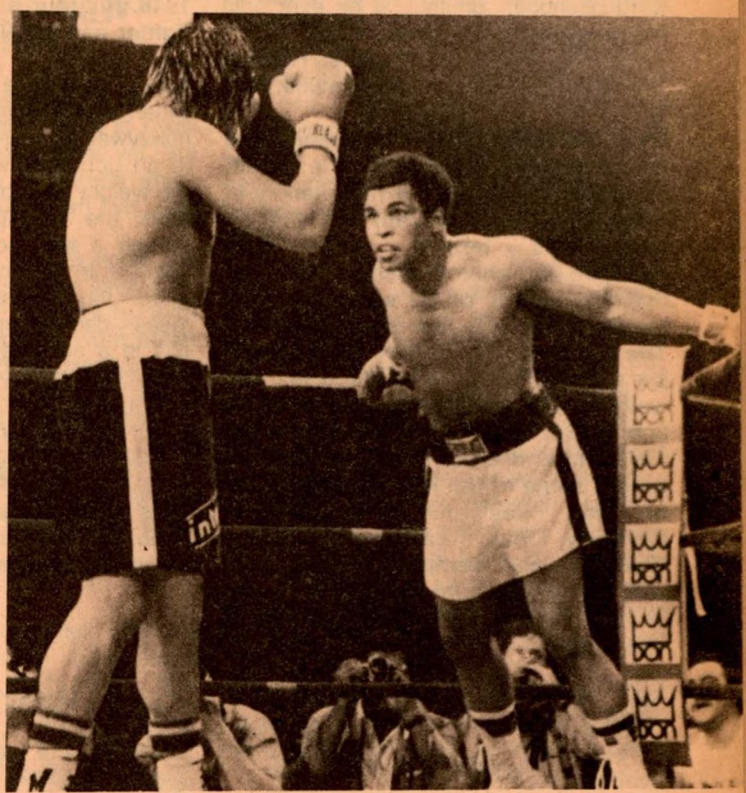
that. After sending Firpo to the canvas for the eigth time, Dempsey made sure that number nine was the finisher. A short right to the jaw sent Firpo to the mat for keeps. Angel came very close, albeit he received no cigar.

Arturo Godoy of Chile received two shots at world champion Joe Louis and they were both in 1940. The first bout went the full fifteen rounds and Louis emerged as a split decision winner. When the fight ended, Godoy's face looked like a grapefruit that had been hit by Dave Kingman, but he'd gone the distance with the champ and so earned himself a rematch. Arturo should have quit while he was ahead because the crouching tactics that had worked so well for him in the first bout went on vacation in the second. Louis softened Godoy up for seven rounds before knocking him out in the eighth.

Spaniard Paulino Uzcudun figures to be just a bit more than a workout for the champ, Primo Carnera. After all, Primo had sixty kayos, and in his last bout had stopped Jack Sharkey in six rounds to win the heavyweight title. Carnera was making his first title defense in Rome and Il Duce himself (Benito Mussolini) was one of the 75,000 fans in attendance. After the ovations received by Mussolini and Carnera, poor Uzcudun must have felt like a lamb at a butcher's convention. If that's the way he felt, however, Paulino certainly didn't show it. True, he lost the fight, but he was never close to going down. At the end of the bout, the fans were cheering him and booing the champion.

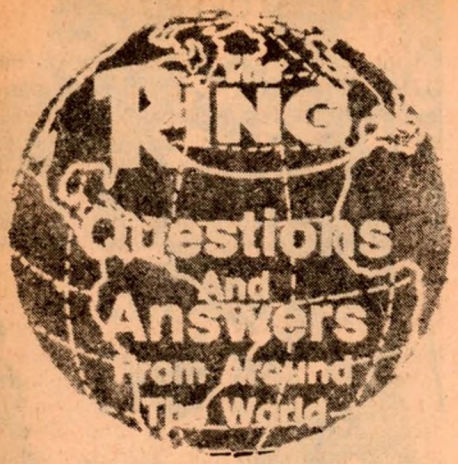
What Joe "King" Roman was doing in the ring with world champion George Foreman is anybody's guess. My guess is that he rated a shot at the crown bu virtue of his stunning three round kayo of Elmo Brown. At any rate, two minutes after the opening bell, the eight thousand fans who half-filled the Military Arts Hall in Tokyo started to make for the exits because Roman had been knocked out.

Alfredo Evangelista left the minor leagues and now competes with the big boys because of his outstanding showing against then world champion Muhammad Ali. Most people felt that the Spaniard-by-way-of-Uraguay would be demolished once Ali became serious, but, if that was the plan, nobody told Evangelista about it. Indeed, when Ali did, in fact, become serious, he found a surprisingly tough Evangelista more than willing to accomodate



Muhammad Ali leaves himself open as he leans toward Alfredo Evangelista in the seventh round of their title contest in Landover, Maryland, May 16, 1977. Ali won unanimous decision.

him. Ali won the decision but it's the last time that Evangelista has been beaten. Since then, Alfredo has gone on to win the European heavyweight title and, as of this writing, is ranked number six in the world.



Q. I wonder if you can give me a brief rundown on a heavyweight named Edward (Gunboat) Smith. Did he ever hold the heavyweight title of the world?

James Hackett
Hicksville, N.Y.

A. Gunboat Smith was never the heavyweight champion of the world. However, he did fight Arthur Pelkey in Daly City, Cal., on Jan. 1, 1914, in what was termed "the white heavyweight championship." He lost that title in July of the same year in a bout in London to Georges Carpentier. The book shows he lost on a foul in six rounds. Smith, who stood 6-2 and weighed 185 pounds, was managed by Jimmy Buckley. He started fighting in 1906 and ended his career in 1921. He fought some of the leading performers on his day including Battling Levinsky, Sam Langford, Charley Weinert, Jack Dempsey, Harry Greb and in his last fight in Havana, Cuba, in 1921, he was KO'd by Harry Wills in one round.

Q. Was there a fighter named Steve "Kid" Sullivan fighting out of Brook,lyn some years back. Was he Irish and did he ever win a title?

W. Muldoon
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Steve "Kid" Sullivan's real name was Stephen J. Tricamo and his nationality was Italian-American. Steve's career started in 1911 and he was stopped in his last fight in six rounds by Tod Morgan on June 3, 1926, in Brooklyn, his own hometown. He fought the likes of Georgie Balduc, Mike Ballerino, Vincent 'Pepper' Martin, Louis Kid Kaplan, Dutch Brandt, Babe Herman, and many other good ones. Steve won the junior lightweight title by defeating the great Johnny Dundee in ten rounds in Brooklyn on June 20, 1924. He lost the crown to Mike Ballerino in Philadelphia the follwoing year.

Q. Kindly settle a friendly bet for some boxing fans at Bassel's Tavern, Yonge Street, Toronto. Did Coley Wallace and/or Roland LaStarze ever defeat Rocky Marciano as an amateur? Also, did any other fighter defeat Marciano as an amateur?

P. McSherry
Toronto, Canada

A. Rocky lost his first amateur fight, home on furlough and full or spaghetti, to Henry Lester, on a foul, but was losing anyway. In the AAU championship tournament at Portland, Oregon, he lost his third of three fights to Joe DeAngelis when he suffered a dislocated knuckle. Coley Wallace beat him in the Golden Gloves All-East championship tournament in 1948. His fourth amateur loss was to a fighter named Girard.

Q. I have a four-part question. 1. When a world champion, other than a heavyweight, loses a ten round decision to an opponent who has come in under the weight limit for that particular division, does the champ lose his title, even though it was scheduled as a non-title fight? 2. In the above question, if *both* are under the weight limit and the champ loses—decison or KO—does he lose his title in a non-title bout? 3. In a non-title fight, I have never known of a fight in which both men did not come in under the weight limit. Why is this? If either one is above the wieght limit, does this kill it as a title fight? 4. I need some back issues of *Ring* Magazine, about the year 1955, *etc.* How do I get them and how much do they cost?

Patrick Quinn
Sierre Padre, Cal.

A. 1. Doesn't lose title, but the bout is open to claims by the winner. Usually, the local commission explains conditions in pre-fight discussions before signing. 2. Same as No. 1. The local Boxing Commission sets the pre-fight rules on the possible outcome. 3. Naturally, a fighter holding a title tries to come in over weight and under Boxing Commission supervision so that he does not have his title involved. 4. Back issues of *Ring Magazine* are always on demand. If we have your requests on file, we would be happy to make them available at a fee.

Q. I have a three-part question. 1. Whatever happened to Ken Buchahan. I expected Duran would give him a rematch. 2. In the recent Lopez-Galindez and the Conteh-Parlov fights, I had Lopez and Conteh clearn winners. How did the *Ring Magazine* score the fights? 3. The Joe Frazier-Kallie Knoeze fight recently postponed when Frazier got sick. Has the fight been re-scheduled?

Todd Hedgepeth
San Antonio, Tex.

A. 1. Ken Buchanan retired from the ring as far as we know. 2. Ring had the Lopez-Galindez fight very close. It could have gone to Lopez. As for Parlov, we thought he won the fight. 3. There was no re-scheduling of the Joe Frazier-Kallie Knoetze fight. At this writing, Joe Frazier is retired as a fighter.

Q. I started throwing leather for pocket money in March, 1976. I had ten pro fights that year, losing two. My trainer, Ogo "Joe" Giametti, was greatly respected down here for his time, effort, philosophies, *etc.* as a trainer. He was a great fighter some forty years ago fighting as a middlewieght. He fought many heavyweights and, I believe, he fought Jake LaMotta. Could you please clear this up? He also fough in Europe and Asia.

Steve Assaon,
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

A. We have gone through LaMotta's record thoroughly and there is no record showing a bout with Joe Giometti. Perhaps he did fight in an exhibition. Giometti was associated with some top fighters as a trainer.

Q. Back in the late 30s, there was a middleweight fighter named Vince Dundee. My father said he was a great fighter. Do you have any information on him?

Wm. Melton,
New York City, N.Y.

A. Vince Dundee was born in Italy in 1904. He started boxing in 1923 and finished his career in 1937. He died in Glendale, Cal., on July 27, 1949. He had 140 bouts, won 85 by decison and 27 by KO. He drew in 13, lost 18 and was KO'd once. He drew with Ben Jeby for the New York middleweight title in fifteen rounds in 1933 won the American middleweight title by beating Lou Broullard in Boston in Oct., 1933, and lost the American middleweight title to Teddy Yarosz on Sept. 11, 1934, in Pittsburgh.

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SAY LOPEZ WAS "ROBBED"

I'm writing on behalf of Alvaro "Indian Yaqui" Lopez, of Stockton, California, who was the victim in his May 6 light heavyweight title bout with victor Glaindez in Lido de Camaiore, Italy.

I made Lopez's acquaintance in 1971 when he played a boxin role in the movie of my novel, *Fat City.* At that time he was an amateur who had had only three fights. I've followed his career since, with admiration for his development and fighting qualities, and now, after seeing him out on the WBA championship, I feel the need to protest.

This was not a close fight. I scored it 9-3-3 for Lopez. Teddy Brenner of Madison Sqaure Garden has been quaoted as giving Galindez only a single round. Jack Fiske of *The San Francisco Chronicle* gave Galindez two rounds. Angelo Dundee, one of the comentators at the fight, has stated in a letter to Fiske that he gave Lopez at least ten rounds. If boxing is to retain public respect, this kind of injustice can't be ignored. Lopez and Galindez should be rematched, this time with officials from outside Italy. Lopez is the uncrowned WBA champion. He deserves better than to be shunted aside after a decision like that. Lopez went into the fight with a sprained ankle, as he was unable to get a postponement and was afraid if he pulled out he might never get another title shot. He had trouble throwing rights and left hooks because of this injury. Yet with a superb left jab, accomplished feinting and a fine defense he completely outboxed Galindez. The fight was a text book example of how boxing skill can nullify a puncher's power. Galindez could hardly hit him and spent the fight backing away on the defensive. He threw fewer punches thant Lopez and landed only a small percentage of them. Dundee, during the telecast, even said he felt sorry for Galindez. Galindez had nothing going for him, could harldy win a round, yet there he was, the winner anyway, thanks to officials.

Yaqui Lopez should have some recourse, and I hope you'll speak out on this fight.

Leonard Gardner
San Francisco, Calif.

After viewing the recent WBA light heavyweight bout between Victor Galindez and Alavro Lopez, I feel the decision was unjust. In my opinion, Lopez won nine rounds. Throughout the history of boxing there have been many controversial decisions. Many of these have been well illustrated in the Ring Record Book. A few examples include Louis-Walcott, Ambers-Armstrong, and Saxton-Basilio. Others in recent years include Norton-Young and Ali-Young. Please consider a full article on controversial fights and what each means to the loser.

Brian Zelley,
Victoria, B.C.

NEW READER, NEW THOUGHTS

As a relatively new subscriber, I haven't really had too much time to know *Ring Magazine* inside and out as yet. But I have noticed an area of interest which needs a lot more attention than I've seen so far.

Interviews: The best way to know the champs and contenders is by getting inside your own "heads" and not by third person articles. For instance, what better way to discern Ken Norton's plans for the future than to out-and-out ask him in print? For that matter, it wouldn't hurt to find out more about Holmes. The guy is terrific, but where did he come from?

Bill Jones,
Sun Valley, Calif.

IRATE FANS

The O'Grady-Fukuyama fight marred by pails of O'Grady blood, should have been stopped in the third round. The ringside physician, obviously influenced by the partisan O'Grady crowd, allowed the fight to continue even when the cut became very dangerous. Then, to add "insult to injury," the referee stopped the fight with one second to go in the sixth round as Fukuyama became dazzled under O'Grady's assault. O'Grady may have won the fight and fattened his record, but his career will suffer, as opponents will now take advantage of the newly-created scar tissue.

R. Jeglum
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED

I feel I must make a comment on the O'Grady-Fukuyama bout. I'm sure many agree with me that a stupid hometownish ending like that hurts boxing, as Fukuyama wasn't hurt so much that it should have been stopped. Sure, I think O'Grady is the better fighter, but it should have been stopped after two or three rounds in Fukuyama's favor. O'Grady probably could have gotten a rematch. Now, and probably no thanks to Sean's father, his career could be damaged worse. He, Heaven forbid, could have serious problems with the eye. A win is surely not that important and Sean's father should know that. O'Grady's father showed little common sense and no compassion. How stupid can a person get?

William Lyaugh
St. Paul, Minn.

BOOST FOR MARCIANO

I would like to put down one letter that was written by a reader of yours. He claimed that Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali were better fighters than the great, Rocky Marciano.

I read the book, *Rocky Marciano: Biography of a First Son,* and found out that when Rocky had his funeral, Joe Louis was there. Peter Marciano, Rocky's younger brother, asked Joe to tell him something about Rocky. Joe Louis whispered quietly back, "He was the greatest."

As you should know, Rocky died in 1969 when Ali was already seen by millions of fans. But still, Joe thought Rocky was a better fighter. This is just one factor of my claim that Marciano was the greatest. Joe Louis admitted it himself.

Now, as far as Ali goes, there was a film made which showed Rocky and Ali in a fight. The film ended up with Ali getting knocked out in the thirteenth round. It was made this way because many experts thought that it would be the same way in a real fight. Also, remember that Marciano has the best K.O. percentage and that, as a professional he never lost a fight.

Ken Ripplinger,
Regina, Sask.

JEFFRIES OVERRATED

I'm getting sick and tired of how eveyone is overrating that fat slob, James J. Jeffries! After all, what did he ever do that was so fantastic? The only reason he beat Fitzsimmons was because he was too fat for the "solar plexus blow" to penetrate. Corbett was destroying Jeffries until Corbett let Jeff fire a blow just to try out a new method to

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Famed fighters gather in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the famed Hollywood Legion Stadium. Joe Louis, Lauro Salas, Lou Nova, Jackie Fields, Mike Mazurki, Abie Bain, Clarence Henry, and Georgie Levine are among the assemblage.

REMEMBERING THE HOLLYWOOD LEGION

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—It was Homecoming Week for many of boxing's outstanding ringmen of the 1940' and 50s who fought at the famous Hollywood Legion Arena. Recently the Hollywood Legion celebrated its 40th Anniversary to commemorate the lavish opening of the modern fistic palace in Sept., 1938. The original fight club was built in 1922 and renovated in 1938 to accommodate the star-studded film colony. Among the illuminating ring warriors who attended the festive occasion were Bert Colima, Enrique Bolanos, Art Aragon, Lauro Salas, Willie Bean, Clarence Henry, Nick Peters, Fabela Chavez, Jackie Fields, Joe Louis, Abie Bain, Richie Lemos, Lou Nova, Georgie Levine and Jackie McCoy.

During the turbulent 1930s and 1940s the Hollywood Legion Stadium launched the heralded careers of boxing's Who's Who. Remember the colorful fistic warriors who cavorted before sellout throngs at the "Madison Square Garden of THE West?" "I rembmer the legion because I first fought there in 1936," recalled Lou Nova. "I fought Lee Ramage in a ten-rounder. Ramage was good enough to fight Joe Louis twice. Well, in the second round I made the mistake of taking my eyes off Ramage because I was looking at Ruby Keeler's legs. Ramage caught me with a hard righthand and almost knocked my head off. I never made that mistake again," commented Nova.

It is interesting that during mucn of the 1930s, few if any colored fighters fought at Hollywood. It wasn't until the year 1940 that Richie Polite, a black lightweight, headlined in a ten-rounder. During the year, Henry Armstrong and Ceferino Garcia tangled in a ten-rounder for the middleweight title with the classic ending in a disputed draw. Many of the ringsiders gave the bout to Armstrong. In 1938, Armstrong, boxing's celebrated triple titleholder, fought Baby Arizmendi before a sellout throng. The list of nonpareil ringmen who fought Hollywood included Jimmy Braddock, Fabela Chavez, Mickey Walker, Manuel Ortiz, Carter, Willie Bean, Frankie Crawford, Art Aragon, Billy Peacock, Lou Fillipo, Carlos Chavez, Keeney Teran, Young Peter Jackson, and

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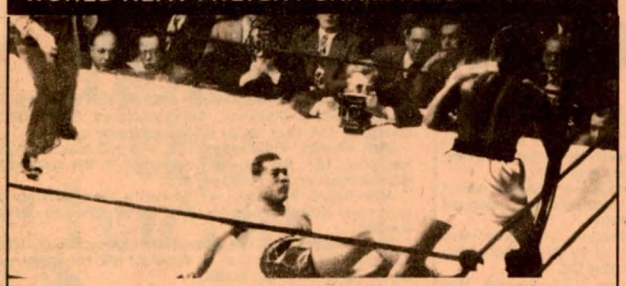

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WATT AND OWEN WIN IN LONDON

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, LONDON — Two champions appeared on this bill, the show being in aid of the Commonwealth Games Team Fund Appeal.

Both champions won with something to spare, although both were forced to go the full distance.

European lightweight champ Jim Watt outscored Billy Vivian, Tredegar, by 79-74 over eight. Vivian was a substitute, and the contest was cut from ten to eight rounds because of this.

Vivian surprised most fans by his performance, and although he was never in with a chance of winning, he put up stubborn opposition, and thoroughly justified going in with the champ.

Watt floored his man in the second, and Vivian survived an eye injury in the fifth which worsened as the fight went on.

A good work-out for Watt, and his first non-title affair in his last five contests.

No weights were announced.

British bantam champ Johnny Owen comfortably outpointed Dave Smith, Eltham, who not so long ago was fighting for the national flyweight crown.

Scoreline was 79-75 over eight, and here again courage was the order of the day, as Dave took everything Owen had to give, and came back for more.

Smith did score on occasion with rights to the head, but nothing seemed to worry Owen, who just kept steaming in and his own right hand was both powerful and accurate, shaking Dave on more than one occasion.

Again, no weights were announced.

Kevin Felton, Aberdare, 163½, outpointed Ron Green, 175, by 59-57 over six, but the verdict was not popular with some.

Felton showed plenty of aggression, but was warned on three occasions for kidney punching and there were times when he found it difficult to cope with his opponent's advantages in height, weight, and reach.

▲Stowaway Club, Newport — Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 167, narrowly outpointed Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 168, over eight by 77-76.

As in all close fights, the verdict was disputed by some, and was indeed a contest of fluctuating fortunes. McKenzie started like a potential winner with some fine jabbing and hooking; Jones was at his best in the middle rounds, with McKenzie putting on the pressure again in the latter part of the bout, only for Jones to finish strongly.

The final round was a good one, with little to choose between them, and full marks to the referee for finding a winner, when a draw would have been the easy way out.

Winston Allen, Swansea, 212, avenged a previous defeat by beating Terry Chard, Newport, 211, the bout being stopped in the third with Chard taking punishment.

John (brother of Terry) Chard, Newport, 149, outpointed Dennis Powell, Tonypandy, 153, over six by 60-55, not losing a round. Some fans threw in nobbins after this one.

Debutant Dennis Andries, Hackney, 175, kayoed Ray Pearce, Newport, 178, in round two with a right hook.

Nigel Thomas, Llanelli, 140, outpointed Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 141, over six by 60-56. He too didn't lose a round, and it was the third time he had outpointed Beauchamp.

▲Centre Airport Hotel, Heathrow, London — Bob Pollard, Enfield, 193, outscored Neil Malpass, Doncaster, 211½, over eight by 78-76.

Malpass had all the physical advantages, but Pollard kept at him, allowing him little respite. Neil was warned on several occasions for hitting with the open glove.

Pollard got in close at every opportunity, and it was only in the fifth that Malpass launched an all-out attack that had his opponent backing up momentarily, but he tired in the later stages, and Pollard fully deserved his win.

Joe Gregory, Crystal Palace, 161, beat H.H. Thompson, Catford, 163, the bout being stopped in the opening round (52 seconds), after Thompson had been decked.

Dennis Andries beat Mark Cumber, 173, the referee intervening after Cumber had been down twice. Both boxers come from Islington.

Debutant Dave Reid, Mitcham, 168, outpointed Dave Merrill, Leeds, 167, over six by 60-54. Reid didn't lose a round, and looked like promising material.

▲Top Rank Suite, Cardiff — Billy Waith, Cardiff, 148, gave his usual performance of good boxing and ringcraft in outpointing Roy Commosioung, Luton, 152, over eight by 79-74.

Waith boxed coolly and competently, and turned it on just when he felt like it. Roy never stopped trying to outwit his opponent, but had little success, and Billy won as he pleased.

Back after inactivity was Martyn Galleozzie, Merthyr, 135, who comfortably outscored Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, by 78-75 over eight.

Galleozzie showed little signs of his lay-off as he boxed methodically, and was always quicker to the punch.

Alan Burrows, Cardiff, 138, outscored Shaun Durkin, Bradford, 133, by 60-56 over six, not losing a round.

John Chard, Newport, 148, won his four-rounder with Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 146, by 39-38. Smith seemed unlucky not to get at least a share of the honors.

▲Tiffany's Ballroom, Coventry — Glenn McEwan, Birmingham, 162, beat Paul Shutt, Leicester, 160, the bout being stopped in round two because of a cut over the latter's left eye.

Shutt was down as the bell ended the first, and rose at seven. He took a similar count early in the second, when he sustained the cut, and the referee intervened.

Midlands Area light welter champ Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 142, beat Trevor Cookie Roomes, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round.

Roomes had shown up well in the early stages, and shook his man with a right cross in the third. He followed up well, and Varden looked to be hanging on for dear life.

But Roy survived somehow, and when his senses cleared he got right back into the fight. Then, quite dramatically, Roomes ran out of steam in the final session and collapsed. It was minutes before he was adjudged ready to leave the ring.

Steve Early, Coventry, 140, easily defeated Eric Purkis, Battersea, 138, the bout being stopped in the second round after the latter had been decked.

Joe Mills, Tottenham, 139, made a fine debut by beating Derek Tew, Birmingham, 138½, the referee intervening in round two when Tew was cut by the left eye.

Steve Fenton, Leicester, 182, outpointed debutant Ricky James, Rugby, 189, over six by 60-54, winning every round. James was shaken on one or two occasions, but kept going in commendable style.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 174, outpointed Dennis Andries, Islington, 175, over eight by 78-76.

The experience of McKenzie was too much for Andries, who had won both his previous pro bouts inside schedule. This time, the latter failed to land the "equaliser," and also complained of double vision, which he said was caused by McKenzie's thumb inadvertently catching him in the eye.

Vic Jackson, Hackney, 152, outscored Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 155, over six by 60-56, not losing a round.

Mick Whelan, Paddington, 122, stopped Malcolm McHugh, Liverpool, 127, the referee intervening in the second round with McHugh on the receiving end.

John Chard, Newport, 147, gained a six-rounds points win over John Kelly, Rotherham, 141, by 59-56 in an uninspiring contest.

Doug Hill, Stoke, 132, drew with Bobby Baker, Islington, 134, over six. A good start by debutant Hill, but Baker was cut by the right eye in the fourth.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Ray Cattouse, Balham, 136¼, outpointed Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 136¾, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round.

Although the scoreline was a wide one, several of the rounds were close, and Gordon put up a fine scrap.

Cattouse was the cleaner puncher, and Gordon spoiled much of his work by holding, for which he was censured on a few occasions.

Cattouse turned on the pressure in the final rounds, and with Gordon still fighting back, the fans appreciated the action.

Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 155½, comfortably outscored Joe Oke, Ghana, 155¼, over eight by 79-76.

Oke was down briefly in the second, Lauder scored frequently with solid jabs and hooks, and the latter was always in front.

Kendrick Edwards, St. Albans, 158, beat Jesse Wells, Southampton, 153½, who was decked four times before the referee intervened in the fifth.

▲Hove Town Hall — Billy Warner, Brighton, 188, beat Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 183, the bout being stopped in the fifth when the latter was cut on the left eyebrow.

Warner, too, was cut by the left eye, but not seriously.

Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 135, beat Charlie Tonna, Crawley, 137½, the bout being stopped in the fifth after Tonna had been decked. A good display by Snagg, who didn't let up once he had his man on the run.

Frank McCord, Swansea, 141¾, drew with Billy O'Grady, Bermondsey, over six. O'Grady was considered by some to be a bit lucky, as he gad been down three times in the opening session, and twice in the fourth, when he was rescued by the bell.

Stan Thompson, Crawley, 175¾, too, was thought to be fortunate to be awarded a points verdict over debutant Tommy Jones, Liverpool, 175. Scoreline 59-57 over six.

John Cooper, Mitcham, 127, outscored Johnny Flynn, Crawley, 128, over six by 58-56.

▲New Century Hall, Manchester — Chris Glover, Liverpool, 146, outpointed Chris Walker, Sheffield, 146½, over eight by 78-76, and although it was a bit of a shock, Glover was the busier and just about deserved his victory.

Walker is going through a difficult period. Earlier in the year he met Colin Powers for the latter's British light welter crown, but has now lost his last four.

In fairness, it should be pointed out that Walker does not look the same force at welter, and his manager confirmed that the former can get down to 140 lbs. without difficulty, and hopes to challenge again for the national title.

Glover never allowed himself to be taken out of his stride by the harder-punching Walker, who didn't do enough to win. When he did cut loose, he looked good, but this happened far too infrequently.

It was Glover's persistent left jab that earned him enough points to win.

Carl Bailey, Manchester, 149, outscored Tony Kavanagh, Birmingham, 147½, over eight by 78-75, and here again it was the man who kept plugging away who defeated an opponent who looked the harder puncher.

It was Kavanagh's first defeat.

Richard Kenyon, Halifax, 161, drew with Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 163, over six. In their previous meeting, Kenyon won on a stoppage, but this time Morris showed muchly improved form, and, indeed, there were those who thought he deserved the verdict.

Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 137, outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 135, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. The fans loved this one, with both men shaken at times.

Tony Hague, Leicester, 148½, outscored Billy Nixon, Bradford, 149, by 59-57 over six.

Ron Green, Stoke, 174, kept his left lead working throughout to outpoint aggressive Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 173, by the narrow margin of 77-76 over eight.

Neville Esteban, Manchester, 163, outpointed Tony Fox, Wolverhampton, 162½, over six by 59-55. Fox was decked in the fourth.

St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Salyo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 155, was outjabbed in the early rounds, but came back well to outpoint Charlie Malarky, Glasgow, 153, over eight by 77-76, the closest possible margin.

Nuciforo really turned it on in the last three rounds, and his persistence paid off against an opponent who tired appreciably.

Martin Bridge, Bradford, 142½, beat Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, 144½, the bout being stopped in round three after Smith had been down three times.

Mickey Dirkin, Bradford, 145, gained a close one over George Peacock, Glasgow, 140, in their eight-rounder. A real crowd-pleaser.

Don Hughes, Glasgow, 150, outscored Mick Tyson, Skipton, 149, over six by 58-57. Tyson was down twice in the third.

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9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Lotte Mwale (Z)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Joseph (T)
7. Wendell Joseph (T)
8. Victor Attivor (G)
9. Ernie Barr (B)
10. Billy Knight (St. Kitts)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Al Korovou (Fi)
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Champion
Maurice Hope (An)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Elisha Obed (B)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Tony Poole (E)
6. Jim Gillon (A)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
9. Dave Proud (E)
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Champion
Clyde Gray (Can.)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
4. Eddie Marcelle (C)
5. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
6. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
7. Henry Rhiney (J)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
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Champion
Lachie Austin (A)
1. Colin Powers (E)
2. Jeff Malcolm (A)
3. Barry Michael (A)
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7. Frank Ropis (A)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Josef Nsubuga (U)

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Champion
Len Blackmore (Gu)
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3. Charlie Nash (I)
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5. Johnny Claydon (E)
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4. Gary Davidson (E)
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7. Roger Richens (A)
8. Wally Angliss (E)
9. Pedro Solo (A)
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Champion
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1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Glen Walsh (A)
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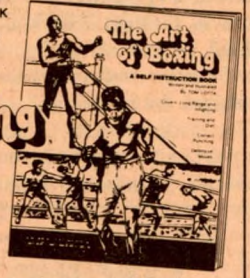

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REP. BEARD TO INTRODUCE BILL FOR FEDERAL BOXING COMMISSION

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sport. I think the position of the magazine has been that of a solid, respected critic of the game, and I would hope that *Ring* will remain that way. In the long run, *Ring* should remain as a critic of boxing and not in the position of promoting the sport, because they might put themselves in the awkward position of having to criticize themselves."

"Boxing is on the upswing now," added Beard, "and it has become so big and technical that I feel it needs the federal umbrella to oversee, advise and administer the sport. My bill will be introduced in the first week of the 1979 session and then I intend to hold hearings open to everyone in boxing to determine what the problems and abuses are. I am completely serious about federal control of boxing and I hope with this bill to straighten out the operation and public image of boxing."

Generally, Beard's bill will provide federal surveillance over professional matches broadcast by television or radio or received in either home receivers or theaters. A three-member commission appointed by the president will oversee boxing nationwide in all of its phases—this will include licensing of boxers, promoters, authorization of matches and the like.

Under the bill, each fighter's record would be tallied by the commission, ending once and for all records disputes such as those which plagued the U.S. Boxing Championships.

The powers granted to the commission include:

- The right to prohibit broadcast in the U.S. of any bout held on foreign soil to avoid U.S. boxing regulations
- Full investigatory powers of any contest, fighter, manager, promoter or other persons connected with boxing
- The right to issue injunctions and prosecute violations through the federal courts

Despite these sweeping powers, the bill clearly states that the commission will in no way interfere with state boxing authorities in their administration of boxing.

Once the bill is introduced, Beard intends to hold hearings through a labor subcommittee in order to determine boxing's most pressing problems. All figures in boxing including fighters, matchmakers, promoters, television people and other concerned individuals will be invited to be present and testify—this will allow Beard's staff to write a fair, comprehensive bill to protect both boxing and the public.

Those who have viewed the ups and downs of boxing for any reasonable length of time will have to side with Congressman Ed Beard. Federal control of boxing is long overdue.

For several decades, *The Ring* Magazine and Nat Loubet, its publisher, has been a staunch advocate of a Federal Commission to control boxing in the United States. It is long overdue!

DAVIS BEATS GOINS

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min' Norman had lost four of his last six bouts, and was stopped in two of them. Does Davis have a chin? If a Goins can have him down twice, what happens when he meets an Arguello, a De Jesus, or perish forbid, a Roberto Duran? Time will tell, and that's something young Davis has plenty of.

WINNERS AT THE GARDEN

(Continued from page 23)

Another interesting setto was the eight round heavyweight go between Gerald Cooney, of Huntington, L.I., a strapping 222 pounder, and G.G. Maldonado, the 219¼ goliath from Paterson, N.J. Cooney is still young and learning but he is at times slow to take advantage of openings. This could be corrected with more expereince. Anyhow he was lucky that referee Joe Santarpia, stopped it with four second left in the final round. The crowd naturally razzed the arbiter for stopping it with only four seconds to go. Cooney was ahead on points at the time.

There was plenty of action in the trio of four rounders, one of which came after the main events were over and was a trhiller. Luis Guzman, the Dominican Republic, won an unanimous duke over Frank Elam, of New York, one of the fights refereed by ex-welter, Billy Graham, Guzman scaling 1742, and Elam, 173½ pounds. In another four, a good one too, Wilfredo Lanzo, 126½ pounder, won the unanimous nod over Jose Ortiz, 130, both hailing from Puerto Rico. The other four, staged after the feature ended, was a battle royal and a thriller, as Alsenal Green, from the Dominican Republic, 142¼ pounds, got off the canvas to score a thrilling knockout in 2:55 of the second round over Ismael (Boom-Boom) Maldonado, of Puerto Rico, 149, with Jose Santarpia the referee.

The judges were Carroll Castillano and Harold Lederman and the ring announcer Jack Lee. Timekeeper Fred Abbatiello.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

IN the boxing business there have been so many good ones over the years—when they retire, they seem to "fade away" and are forgotten. LOU AMBERS, former world lightwieght king, now residing in Phoenix, Arizona was certainly in that catagory—he was a real good one . . . LOU recently was honored in Montreal for his fistic prowess of years gone by—and this month AMBERS will be inducted into the Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame in Chicago. . . Dubbed the Herkimer Hurrican (he was born in Herkimer, N.Y.)—the little battler will never be forgotten for his epic battles with the outstanding HAMMERING HENRY ARMSTRONG, who , today, is a Baptist minister—an ARMSTRONG-AMBERS match was always a pier-sixer! Always good to hear from LOU AMBERS—he was one of boxings greatest. RALPH RACINE was mentioned as an "opponent" for HOWARD DAVIS—but DAVIS' handlers turned him down—why—are they looking for softies for DAVIS—RACINE is managed by JOHHNY SUDAC and can fight—Ring writer JACKIE LEVINSON who handles the' Norfolk, Va., news—had his 2nd heart attack . . . He's really three attacks—you're out! JACKIE is really enthused about the chances of BOBBY ACEY, the fighing cop out of Norfolk—ACEY is managed and trained by old navy champ, DICK PETTIGREW, who is now retired from Uncle Sam's fleet! JOE HERMAN, who co-owned the NEWMAN/HERMAN GYM in SAn Francisco for years with partner, BILLY NEWMAN—is contemplating a trip east this fall . . . JOE, is 78 years young, still an active guy—wants to hit Boston, New York, Miami and Panama—to visit with old boxing friends and renew old acquaintances—good idead old buddy, I'll be looking for you! HERMAN now toils for his "old fighter" LEO FRIED, now a prominent San Francisco Attorney—He spends his spare time in his law office—When he's not busy, the pair of them head ofor the golf course! Minutes prior to the MATE PARLOV—JOHN CONTEH light-heavyweight title fight (W.B.C. version)—in Yugoslavia, television people ripped cigaret advertising from CONTEH'S robe and from the backs of his seconds—seems cigaret ads are "verboten" on TV in that communist country—. . . JOE BRADY, the Tampa boxing public relations—trainer—and manager—who works under the LOU VISCUSI aegis—is a bit discouraged. .boxing in the doldrums in that southern city—then to make matters worse, the gym at Tampa was broken into, two old speed bags and a worn out pair of sparring gloves along with a good pair of gloves that belonged to MARLON LEWIS were taken—worth nothing. To MARLON, however, they had sentimental value—and they had been broke-in for his hands! Former middleweight contender TONY LICATA lost his dad to cancer at Tampa. He was buried in New Orleans. Our condolences to TONY—Then, to make matters worse, LICATA lost his job at the Parish Prison in New Orleans—He could not awaken in time to get to the job to get the boxers out fro their raodwork . . . . MARTY WEILL, step-son to the late AL WEILL who managed ROCKY MARCIANO, now the manager of Edelson's Mens Shop in Ironton, OHIO, epistles that he spent itme with ANGELO DUNDEE in England during WW II—both in the service together—MARTY has not seen ANGELO since they were in Hutningotn, West Virginia a few years ago . . . WEILL, today is "out of boxing'., but he never forgets his old friends . . . . . Ex-fighter PATSY SEVERO, lightweight out of Cleveland died at the age of sixty-two—he won a National Golden Gloves title and as a pro lightweight had 196 bouts—was never, knocked out . . . . JERRY FITCH, Cleveland Boxing writer, shows films of fights around that city—he is a good friend of GEROGIE PACE, the former top ranked bantaweight who boxed them all in his hey-day! Always nice to hear form TONY ZALE and his wife PHILOMENA—the ZALES will head for the Orient this fall—all expenses paid by American Express—TONY celebrated his 65th birthday and got cards from all over the world—his wife PHILOMENA keeps this writer posted—she is terrific public relations gal—ZALE is a lucky guy indeed!! God Bless you both! ERNIE TERRELL, the Chicago promoter and former N.B.A. heavyweight champ, is head over heels in love with GEORGE "THE ITALIAN ASSASSIN" MOSTARDINI—because GEORGE is selling tickets like made for his fights in theywindy City—MOSTARDINI is priceless to TERRELL—he realizes a valued product when he sees one—Bringing the Italian lad along slowly—but we will soon begin to wonder if the big guy can fight or not—the test is just around the corner. . . . . DUANE BOBICK, the 27-year-old Bowlus, Minnesota ex-navy heavyweight, who never did quite make the grade as a pro, has severed relations with former champ JOE FRAZIER (FRAZIER paid $100,000 for his contract) switching to trainer MURPH GRIFFITH, uncle of former champ, EMILE, whom BOBICK fought under in the navy . . . . BEN STERNBERG, the Twin Cities promoter will use BOBICK in his area— BOBICK's former trainer. EDDIE FUTCH has indicated he will desert the fight beat for "health reasons" . . . . FUTCH has been around for years—worked with all the good ones over those years in the game. LARRY HOLMES, who annexed the W.B.C. version of the heavyweight bauble from the head of KEN NORTON at LasVegas., says 'I want to set an example for kids—I would like people to say—"there's the heavyweight champion—hes a very nice guy" . . . . . HOLMES, who had little education, is now trying to take test for his high school diploma. Former heavyweight JEFF MERRITT of Cleveland was found innocent on charges of attempted murder in connection with a shooting in 1977 in front of a downtown Cleveland bar . . . . . When JOHN TATE demolished BERNARDO MERCADO at the N.Y. Garden . . did this mean that MERCADO is through as a heavyweight threat??? Former heavyweight contender WILLIE BESMANOFF is a master baker at one of Atlanta, Georgia's largest department stores—the only member of his congregation at the little Baptist Church in suburban Forest Park with a German Accent, a man who found Christ and now is at work and enmeshed in the happiness of what he calls his "second life" . . . a great guy indeed! MARTY WEILL reports—"as a result of your column—I received a letter from PETEY VIRGIN, living in Schenectady, N.Y., who was managed by dad and whom I traveled and worked with as a second in his travels aoround the country" . . . . good luck to both you fellows—great! MARCIANO BERNARDI, the AL BACHMAN protege, contineus to mow 'em down as a hard socking middleweight threat for the future—BERNARDO is unbeaten since joining the BACHMAN—AL MOORE stable . . . . A DANNY LOPEZ—CARLOS ZARATE match for Los Angeles would sell-out anywhere . . . . LOPEZ, an easy guy to hit on the chin—always gets up and finishes offf his man—but I wonder if DANNY would get up after sampling a "shot" from ZARATE—this guy can really whack! Two fighters in Phoenix, Arizona on the build-up department are CHUCK WALKER, the middleweight and welterweight JERRY CHEATHAM—Give those fans a local boxer who wins and they will come out like they do in Boston and

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

ALAN MINTER KNOCKS OUT JACOPUCCI

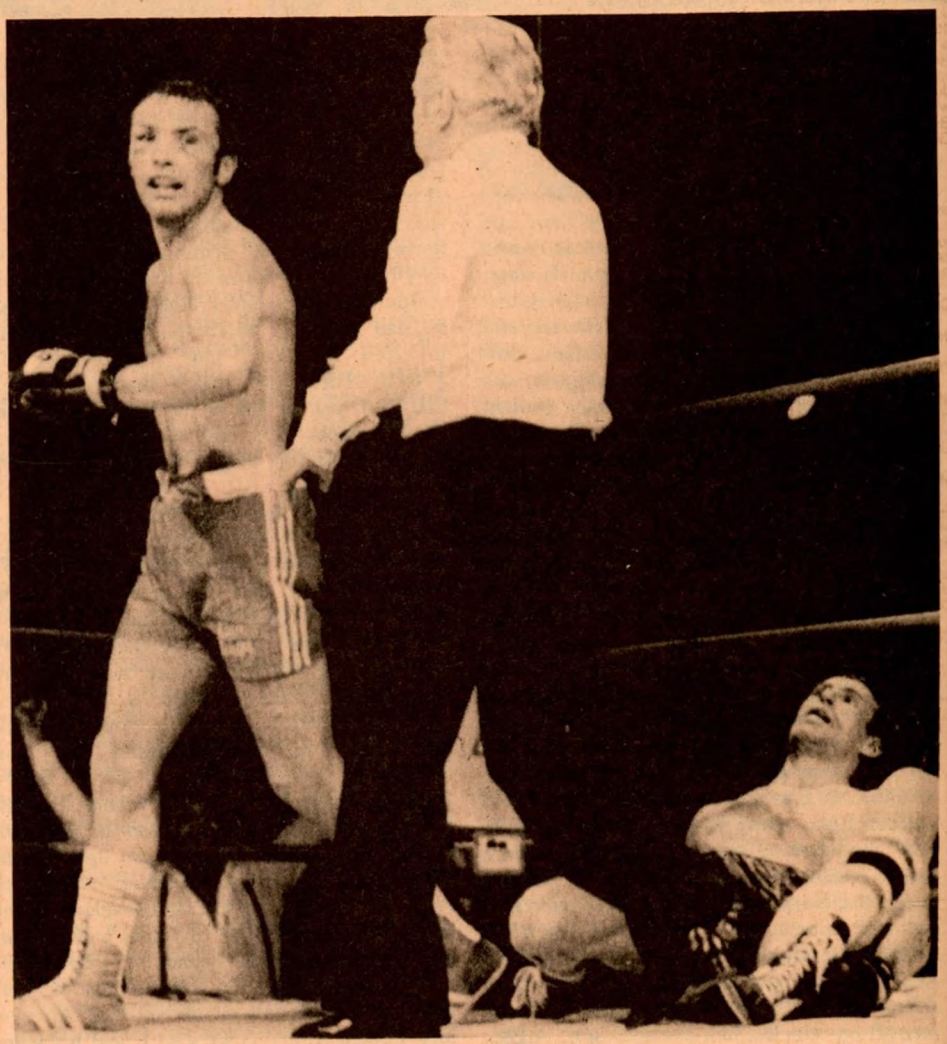
BELLARIA, ITALY — Britain's Alan Minter knocked out Angelo Jacopucci in the twelfth round of a scheduled fifteen-rounder to win the vacant European middleweight title.

It was Minter's fight all the way, and Jacopucci only managed to stay on his feet as long as he did by using his longer reach to keep the Englishman at bay. In the second round, however, Jacopucci connected with a right, opening a cut under Minter's right eye, and Alan slipped to one knee without a count.

In the twelfth round, Minter, twenty-six, drove Jacopucci halfway through the ropes with a devastating attack. The Italian sagged back onto the ropes and Minter followed with a left-right-left as Jacopucci headed for the canvas.

Jacopucci, twenty-nine, was rushed to a Bologna hospital, where he fell into a coma. He died two days later.

and underwent a three-hour operation to control a massive cerebral hemorrhage.



Britain's Alan Minter moves away from Angelo Jacopucci after stopping him in twelve to win the vacant European middleweight title.

SPAIN

▲**Bilbao** — Dum Dum Pacheco outscored champion Horacio Ruiz over twelve rounds to win the Spanish welterweight title. Junior welters: Fernando Sanchez outpointed Jesus Rodriguez de la Rosa, eight. Feathers: Manuel Mosso stopped Serafin Dos Anjos, two. Bantams: Estaban Equia outscored Moro Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Lugo** — Junior middles: Jose Luis Alvarez outscored Jose Fernandez Punales, eight. Bantams: Jaime Lozano outscored Garcia Herrera Kiko, eight.

▲**Leon** — Featherweights: Roberto Castanon TKO'd Roland Cazeaux, two. Bantams: Vicente Rodriguez stopped Garcia del Moral, three. Welters: Jesus Duran outscored Dalmacio Duarte, eight.

▲**San Sebastian** — Flyweights: Manuel Carrasco outscored Nessim Zebellini, eight. Welterweights: Carlos Morales outpointed Fernando Bermeia, eight.

▲**Metaro** — Feathers: Antonio Rubio outscored Francisco Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Barcelona** — Featherweights: Cecilio Lastra kayoed Helenio Ferreira, one. Lightweights: Antonio Guinald outscored Antonio Amaya, eight. Middleweights: Alfredo Naveiras stopped Joaa Diego, two. Junior Welters: Francisco Leon TKO'd Juan Pena, five. Bantams: Abdalkader Esmain outpointed Angel Oliver, eight.

▲**Bilbao** — Junior middleweights: Andoni Amana stopped Jacques Chinon five. Junior lightweights Rodolfo Sanchez outscored Nino Jimenez, eight. Junior welters: Fernando Sanchez decisioned Jesus Rodriguez, eight. Lightweights Isidoro Cabeza TKO'd Fernando Leon Mejias, four.

▲**Pontevedra** — Felipe Pantera Rodriguez beat Spanish heavyweight champion Fermin Hermandez, to win the crown. Junior middleweights: Pinto Tobio stopped jose Omedas, four.

▲**Santander** — Cecilio Lastra, feather, beat Guy Caudron, bantam, on points over eight rounds. Junior welters: Juan Sierra TKO'd Cipri, two.

FRANCE

▲**Tourcoing** — Feathers: Georges Lieter who usually fights as a bantam, TKO'd Jean Yves Julien, five.

▲**Crepy en Valois** — In a bout between a feather, Laurent Grimbert and a bantam, Jacky Bihin, Grimbert won the eight rounder on points.

▲**Valence** — Lightweights: Charles Jurietti outscored Emilio de Souza, eight rounds.

▲**Lyon** — Lightweights: Andre Holyk beat Didier Kowalski, who retired with a cut face in round nine.

▲**Leivin** — Bantamweights: Guy Caudron beat Jose Maleques, who retired in round six because of cuts.

▲**Paris** — Welterweights: Jo Kimuani kayoed Eddie Marcelle, five. Claude Lancastre stopped Pierre Koenig, one. Lightweights: Jean Lirda beat M Fico, who was disqualified in the fourth. Jean Martin beat Maurice Trepant on points over six rounds.

▲**Paris** — European junior welterweight champion Jean Baptiste Piedvache (29) France, lost his crown to Briton Colin Powers (22), the fight being stopped with thirty-two seconds gone in round eleven. A right hook to the chin shook the Frenchman and another right almost sent Piedvache through the ropes. He tried to make his feet, and as the Italian referee reached the count of eight, the towel was thrown in to the ring. All officials had the Briton in front on their scorecards. Powers received a public warning for rough stuff in round six and Piedvache was cut in the fifth and had a bloody nose in the sixth. Junior middles: Loucif Hamani decisioned David Love, ten.

▲**Noisy Le Grand** — Welterweights: Ronald Zenon stopped Justin M'Foudi three.

▲**Criel** — Feathers: Jean Jacques Souris TKO'd Christian Valentin, eight. Welter. Alain Marion stopped Bechir Boundha, seven.

▲**Toulon** — In a bout for the French welter title, Alain Marion beat Fred Coranson on points over eight rounds.

▲**Berch** — In a bout for the French featherweight title, Michel Lefebvre kayoed Albert Amatler, ten.

▲**Paris** — Welters: Bouziani beat Campo on points, six. Claude Lancastre knocked out Malapris, two. Ronald Zenon kayoed Dijbril Balhily, three.

AUSTRIA

▲**Wels** — 1500 saw Jo Tiger Pachler, Austria, outscore Mussa Moukenja, ten. Esperno Postl (26) Austria, outscored the German based Italian, Giamalo Piras, eight. Junior middles: Krenslehner, Austria, having his third bout, decisioned Oemer Karadeniz, Turkey, over six rounds.

BELGIUM

▲**Charlerri** — Michel Stini TKO'd Pol Payen, nine, to win the vacant Belgian middleweight title. Feathers: Jose Garcia kayoed Tchombe Tchatchoua, three.

▲**Apelterre** — Heavyweights: Rudi Gauwe outscored Dave Wilson, eight.

▲**Ronse** — Feathers: Guy Marker outscored Jean Pierre Meganck, six.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — Light heavys: Hocine Tafer kayoed Alejandro Cardoso, seven.

▲**Conde sur Escaut** — Feathers: Guy Marker and Robert Huylebrook drew their six rounder.

LUXEMBOURG

▲**Esch sur Alzette** — Heavys: Freddy Serres outscored Eric Seys, six.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam** — Junior middles: Unbeaten Dutch champion, Adrie Huusen stopped Fighting Wallcot, Aruba, seven. Walcott took a couple of standing counts of eight in the seventh and the third man called a halt. Huussen has had seventeen fights, winning sixteen and drawing one.

GERMANY

▲**Morsbach** — Six hundred saw a promotion organized by Winfred Kuhn. In the main event, Rolf Kersten retained his German junior welterweight title, stopping Klaus Fuchs, six. Junior middles: Erwin Heiber, Germany's best young boxer, 1977, outscored fellow countryman Josef Kossmann, six. In an exhibition match, German middleweight champion Frank Reiche sparred with Wolfgang Gans over four rounds. Guest referee was ex-German middleweight champion Peter Mueller. Junior welterweights: Dieter Schanz drew his four rounder with Oemer Karadenis, Turkey. Welters: German Helmut Baumann TKO'd Turk Ayhan Cimen, three. Light heavys: German Charley Schulz outscored Andre Torch, France, six.

ITALY

▲**Bologna** — Middles: Mario Pagani, Italy, beat Frenchman, Ali Jacobi, on points over six rounds.

▲**Brescia** — Junior lights: Charles Jurietti drew his ten rounder with Natale Vezzoli. Junior middles: Vincenzo Ungaro beat Pascal Zito on points over eight rounds. Junior middles: Romoe Malgarini TKO'd Coutibaly Demba, six.

▲**Milan** — Junior welters: Gio Capretti beat Jean Marie Continaut on points over eight rounds.

▲**San Remo** — Middleweights: Matteo Salvemini TKO'd Jean Claude Warusfel, six.

▲**Figlime Valdarno** — Junior welters: Patrizio Buruni TKO'd Francesco De Marco, one.

▲**Milan** — Giovanni Camputaro retained his Italian flyweight title, outscoring Gilippo Belvedere over twelve rounds. Heavyweights: Rinaldo Felizzari decisioned Giancinto Cattani, eight. Middles: Robert Manoni decisioned Luciana Di Giacomo, six.

▲**Latina** — Welter. Pierangelo Pira TKO'd Jean Pierre Moreau two.

▲**Lido Camaiore** — Angelo Jacopucci retained his Italian middleweight title, stopping Trento Faciocchi, nine. Middles: Norberto Cabrera decisioned Joe Barrientos, eight. Junior lights: Franco Siddu and Salvatore Dui drew their six rounder.

▲**Brescia** — Junior lightweights: Natale Vezzoli drew his ten-rounder with Charles Jutietti. Junior middles: Vincenzo Ungaro outscored Pascal Zito, eight. Romoe Malgarini TKO'd Coulibaly Dempa, six.

▲**Pescara** — Welters: Mario Guillotti outscored Evaralso Costa Azevedo, eight. Luciano De Luca and Augusto Lauri drew their six rounder. Middles: Matteo Salvemini kayoed Arnoldo Olivares, three. Junior welters: Joey Gibilisco kayoed Mohamed Mohata, one.

▲**Ravenna** — Bantams: Laurent Grimbert was TKO'd by Alfredo Mulas, nine. Junior lights: Rocco Risi outscored Giampiero Bertuzzi, six.

▲**Catania** — Welters: Nicola Sassanelli outscored Jose Luis Ribeiro, eight. Luigi Martello TKO'd Gerardo del Guacchio, one. Feathers: Pasqualino Morbidelli decisioned Dos Santos, eight.

▲**Forli** — Bantams: Valerio Nati stopped Luigi Paravati, two.

▲**Viareggio** — Lights: Giovanni Vitillo outscored Abass Maculev Togo, eight.

▲**Brindisi** — Lightweights: Jose Sanchez beat Cosimo Lavino, six.

▲**Pesaro** — Salvatore Melluzzo held on to his Italian featherweight crown, stopping Salvatore Fabrizio, one. Junior welters: Juan Jose Gimenez stopped Mario Melina, four.

▲**Lido di Ostia** — Welter. Mario Favotto outscored Spartaco Verna, six.

▲**Cagliari** — Lightweights: Carlos Hernandez outscored Antonio Puddu, eight. Bruno DeMontis decisioned Jofre, six.

▲**Bologna** — Briton Tony Moore drew his ten-rounder with Italian Dante Cane. It was Moore's fourth draw in as many bouts on the continent this year.

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

(AS OF JULY 24, 1978)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
* Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Billy Aird (GB)
2. Lorenz Zanon (I)
3. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
4. John L. Gardner (GB)
5. Alfio Righetti (I)
6. Les Stevens (GB)
7. Dante Cane (I)
8. Tony Moore (GB)
9. Denton Ruddock (GB)
10. Domenico Adinolfi (I)

Light Heavies
* Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. Emilio Cometti (I)
6. Sylvain Watbled (F)
7. Francois Fiol (S)
8. Robert Amory (F)
9. Avenamar Peralta (S)
10. Onelio Grando (I)

Middleweights
* Alan Minter (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Loucif Hanani (F)
4. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
5. Frankie Lucas (GB)
6. Fernando Valsecchi (I)
7. Bunny Sterling (GB)
8. Frank Reiche (G)
9. Tony Sibson (GB)
10. Michel Stini (B)

Junior Middles
* Mauriece Hope (GB)
1. Frank Wissenbach (G)
2. Eckhard Dagge (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jimmy Batten (GB)
5. Andoni Amana (S)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Gilbert Cohen (F)
8. Tony Poole (GB)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Luigi Minchillo (I)

Welterweights
* Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. John H. Stracey (GB)
3. Alain Marion (F)
4. Alois Carmeliet (B)
5. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
6. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
7. Alain Ruocco (F)
8. Louis Accaries (F)
9. Horacio Ruiz (S)
10. Francois Leon (S)

Junior Welterweights
* Colin Powers (GB)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Fernandez Sanchez (S)
3. Primo Bandini (I)
4. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
5. Cemal Kamaci (T)
6. Giovanni Martinese (I)
7. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
8. Chris Davies (GB)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Joey Singleton (GB)

Lightweights
* Jim Watt (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Antonio Ginaldo (S)
3. Perico Fernandez (S)
4. Charlie Nash (GB)
5. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
6. Antonio Puddu (I)
7. Vincenzo Quero (I)
8. Andre Holyk (F)
9. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
10. Manuel Vasquez (S)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Elio Cotena (I)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
6. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
7. Aristide Pizzo (I)
8. Rene Martin (F)
9. Miguel Molleda (S)
10. Manuel Llata (F)

Featherweights
* Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Nino Jimenez (S)
4. Dave Needham (GB)
5. Alan Richardson (GB)
6. Les Pickett (GB)
7. Michele Siracusa (F)
8. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
9. Michele Lefebvre (F)
10. Sergio Emili (I)

Bantamweights
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Alfredo Mulas (I)
2. Esteban Eguia (S)
3. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Johnny Owen (GB)
6. Laurent Grimbert (F)
7. Franco Buglione (I)
8. Luigi Tessarin (F)
9. Jacky Bihin (F)
10. Teodoro Corallo (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Charlie Magri (GB)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Mariano Garcia (S)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
5. Claude Tanda (I)
6. Jose Cantero (S)
7. Manuel Carrasco (S)
8. David Smith (GB)
9. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
10. Domingue Cessari (F)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (Fn) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Sw) Sweden; (Y) Yugoslavia.

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SERRANO KAYOES OH YOUNG HO

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was cut below the right eye. He lost some of his drive and when the knockout came it appeared that he was more tired than hurt from Serrano's onslaughts.

Former lightweight champion Esteban de Jesus had an easy one when he finished off Mexican import Chu Chu Hernandex in two rounds. Three second-round knockdowns caused referee Wally Schmidt to call a halt.

In another ten, Venezuelan knockout artist Ernesto Espana scored a one-minute knockout over Dominican Teodoro Osuna. I cannot comment about the knockout punch as I did not see it.

Recent upset winner over Mexican Lupe Pintor, Teo Cruz had an easy one when he kayoed Eladio "Cuban Kid" Leal of Miami in the third round. Leal fought as best he could, but Cruz was too experienced for him. He suffered a nasty left eye cut in the first and was dropped on two occasions.

Lightweight prospect Manuel "Yuca" Jimenez found the going tougher than what he expected against Chico Rosa and had to be contented with a ten-round split decision. Jimenez has lots to learn before he can scale the top ranks, particularly how to get away from the right hand leads that Rosa landed with such ease.

Welter Jose Santana surprised by scoring a two-round kayo over the favored Jesus Alvarado.

The likeable Larry Rozadilla came over from California to officiate in the main event, while Roque Novoa from Santo Domingo was the other judge.

BWA HONORS TAUB, NORTON

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of the world at the time the award was voted, received the plaque. The year before, the Olympic Team received the award for its superb showing in the—what else—Olympics. Norton has since lost his version of the heavyweight buable to Larry Holmes.

Ken was in good company; amond the heavyweights who have been the recipients of the award are Muhammad Ali, thrice, Joe Frazier, Jack Dempsey, Ingemar Johansson, Floyd Patterson, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles, and Joe Louis.

A new award was given this year, and for the first time in the history of the association, an award had been named after the man receiving it: Sam Taub, the venerable ninety-one-year old ex-newpaper editor, broadcaster, *et al*. "The Sam Taub Award" given by the BWA "For Excellence in Broadcast Boxing Journalism." How could anyone make a mistake in honoring Sam, the oldest living boxing expert and a man who is still a "workin' stiff," pounding out his columns for *The Ring* Magazine. Sam rarely misses a boxing function if it is within reach.

The Nat Fleischer Memorial Award, named after "Mr. Boxing," the founder of *The Ring* Magazine and two-time winner of the James J. Walker Award, went to Bob Waters, who has been covering the boxing beat for as long as I can remember with an expertise not to be achieved by many others. The deed on his award calls for "excellence in Boxing Journalism." The deed hits the man right on!

Bob covers "the noble art" for *Newsday* and is as conversant on other sports as he is on the "sweet science." Knowing Bob has made living in this jungle a lot easier. A rare individual indeed.

The Al Buck Memorial Award is named after a man who gave his all for *The New York Post* and boxing, and in whose name an award is given each year to either the manager or trainer who deserves recognition as the "Man of the Year" in his capacity. This year, the honor fell to Bill Slayton, the trainer of Ken Norton, a most deserving recipient.

To say the speeches were articulate and reasonably short, that the "house" played to SRO and that it was one of those evenings when boxing men and women get together for fun and to honor their own may appear to give the affair short shrift. In reality, it is to give credit to the planners, the speakers, and the honorees.

I am looking forward to next year! I hope that there will be another blazing sunset.

LOPEZ EDGES BURNETT

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Burnett, from Los Angeles, weighed in at 175; Lopez, from Stockton, scaled 174. A record turnout of 2,729 paid $24,922, of which Lopez received 30%, or $7,500, and Burnett $5000, plus training expenses. The ring in which they met was the same one in which Gene Tunney defended his world title against Jack Dempsey in Chicago, September, 1927. The ring was shipped to Stockton by the VFW in the 30's.

There were no feeling out rounds. Lopez deliberately set a fast pace and Burnett was forced to fight off his charges. The tide shifted between the two fighters. Lopez had difficulty cutting down the distance between himself and Burnett, but when he did he peppered Burnett with short hooks. Burnett waltzed around the ring, his hands held in the Archie Moore Style, his jab flicking out like it was born to land in Lopez's face. Burnett's jab must have stretched Lopez's neck muscles by the time the fight was over. Again and again it would land, until Lopez stepped in and unloaded a volley of short blows.

In the third round, Lopez was hit low. He grimaced for a minute but came back very strong. In the sixth, a smashing left to the jaw nearly dropped Burnett. The pro-Lopez crowd erupted with a howl of hysterical catcalls against a background of exploding firecrackers.

In the eighth, Lopez was smacked by either an elbow or a punch, (depending on who one asked), a bloodly split opened across the bridge of his nose. On four seperate occasions during the remainder of the fight the ringside doctor visited the ring, each time allowing the match to continue. It was an awful looking gash, dead center in Lopez's face and easily reached by Burnett's wicked jab. The tide shifted again; where it had been Lopez dictating the tempo of the fight with body shots and uppercuts, now Burnett grew inspired, excited by the sight of blood flowing down the middle of Lopez's face.

At the end of twelve rounds *The Ring* had Burnett ahead by one point. But the best was yet to come, especially for Lopez.

In the thirteenth, Lopez turned back Burnett's attack with a stronger counter-attack, reaching him to the body with savage hooks. Burnett was shaken down to his shoelaces at the end of the round.

Very little was left of their stamina for the last two rounds. Both men were exhausted, bloodied and arm weary. They fought in slow motion, gasping, not moving, putting the finishing touches on a brutal fight.

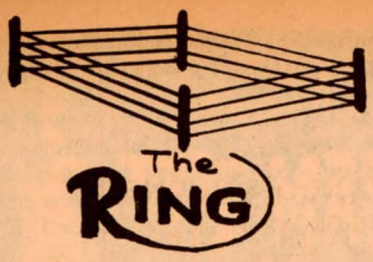
Lopez earned the fourteenth round. In the final frame, with the blood gushing down Lopez's face, Burnett tried to go back to his jab but Lopez forced his way in close and landed a series of hooks to his foe's head. It looked like Burnett would fall. The sell out crowd were on their feet, screaming for the knockout that never came. Both men looked relieved when the final bell sounded.

The cards all favored Lopez, 144-142, 145-141, and 146-146. Two of the three officals came in from L.A., which should take some of the edge off of any complaints by Burnett or Reid. In terms of rounds, *The Ring* had it 8-6-1 for Lopez.

After the fight Lopez called Burnett, "the toughtest opponent I've ever faced".

In a ten-round welterweight bout, Rudy Barro scored a third round knockout over journeyman Ruben Vasquez. Barro, 145, Stockton, had little trouble in handling Vasquez, 146½, Los Angeles. Vasquez appeared to be slower than fourth class mail.

In an opening six-rounder, Alonzio Mercedez, 116, Dominican Republic, trounced Pee Wee Jones, 117, Los Angeles. Mercedez made his pro debut a success against the far more experienced Jones.



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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

MUSHY CALLAHAN, the former junior welterweight champion of the world, looks in real tiptop condition and is regarded as the top-boxing consultant for movies in the world. When I was honored by the California group of ex-boxers and ex-wrestlers, at their clubrooms at the Hollywood Legion Stadium recently, I had a good chat with the former champion and along with MUSHY, it was my pleasure to talk with JIMMY McLARNIN, former welterweight champion. Its amazing how young and alert these old-timers are. Must be the California sunshine and the carefree mode of living in Hollywood. MUSHY sends his regards to JACKIE "Kid" BERG, who resides in Sussex, England. JACKIE defeated MUSHY to take the world title. MUSHY lives in comfort. He is a land owner and has a nice slice of choice property. Contact by writing to 6116 Waring Avenue, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.

Drop a-line to that former fabulous fighter, KID CHOCOLATE. He still resides in Cuba, at 1508-48th Street, Havana. Am sure he would appreciate letters from some of his former opponents and friends. . . .

A man regarded as being the greatest heavyweight that Great Britain could really call their own is HENRY COOPER. This British heavyweight had an amazing career with bouts against MUHAMMAD ALI (twice) FLOYD PATTERSON and just about every heavyweight of note over the ten years he reigned as British champion. He held the titles of Europe, British Empire, and Great Britain. COOPER is a regular contributor of boxing articles to the Boxing News, the premier British weekly boxing paper, edited by my friend HARRY MULLAN. HENRY is contacted by writing to 5 Ledway Drive, Off Preston Road, Wembley, Middlesex, England. . . .

ARCHIE MOORE, the former lightheavy champion of the world, needs no introduction. He is busy with a youth organization, "Any Boy Can." He teaches the boys boxing and how to grow up strong, decent men. He can be contacted at 3517 East Street, San Diego, California, 91202. As the executive director of the non-profit organization to help the youth, why not send in your donations. He promises to acknowledge all donations for his charitable long-time venture. . . . Former Argentine heavyweight, a contender in his day. ALEX MITEFF, owns a limousine company that plies for trade in the hotels on the plush Eastside of Manhattan. He is doing very well. Contact: 1322 Teller Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10456 . . . . JOEY MAXIM, who formerly lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is involved with security at the Tropicana Hotel in the gambling city. . . . Battling "Kid" Nelson, (Joe Nudelman) who was proclaimed "jr. lightweight champion of the world" in 1917, has been visiting California. Nevada and other points west. He is in good health and active with VBA, Ring 8, as a member of the Board of Directors. He resides at 16 East 208 Street, Bronx, N.Y. . . . FRANK O'GATTY, brother to the late PACKY and JOE, with brother JIMMY residing in Hollywood, who is the vice-president of Chapter 49, of the Disabled American Veterans, 7021 Hollywood Blvd., California 90028. FRANK has recently retired from the PEERLESS LIQUOR DISTRIBUTORS as an account executive. He resides at 265 Lafayette Street, New York City, 10-0012. . . .

Former two-time lightweight and jr. welterweight champion of the world CARLOS ORTIZ resides in the Bronx, at 320 East 156 Street N.Y. 10455. CARLOS owns a chain of dry-cleaning stores, a liquor store and real estate.

I didn't know it—but there is an ex-boxer group, labelled "The Old Timers Club," at Auburn, New York. Hey—old-timers, drop-a-line to this column. . . .

My pal EDDIE COOL, writes a breezy column for the British Boxing News and also is a correspondent for the Figher Magazine in Australia. EDDIE, born Feb 16, 1912, is an Irish-American, and started his life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He started boxing as a kid and turned professional when he was 20-in 1932. He has an impressive boxing record and fought all the good boys. He beat most of them too. He beat the lightweight champion of the world, LOU AMBERS in a ten-round non-title contest on October 28, 1936. Other world class fighters he beat were AL ROTH, PETE NEBO, TEDDY LODER, PHIL RAFFERTY, HARRY DUBLINSKY twice, YOUNG JOE FIRPO, won a series of four bouts with Buster Brown. EDDIE lives in Jersey City, New Jersey, but letters can be sent to him c/o Gleasons Gymnasium, 252 West 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001. . . .

CAL CAGNI had 65 bouts and won the middleweight championship of the state of New Jersey. He fought many great fighters, but considers RED COCHRANE to be the toughest fighter he met. After his retirement from boxing, he worked for the New Jersey Department of Labor, Compensation Division, for 27½ years. He graduated in Law from Fairliegh Dickinson University and followed this degree, up with a degree in Business. Recently, the former New Jerseyite said cheerio to his pals at Hackensack and tool off—lock-stock and boxing gloves to Lauderhill, Florida right next door to JACKIE GLEASON's Inverarry Golf Course. Write to Cal at 1850 N.W. 42 Terrace, Lauderhill, Florida, 33313. . . .

TONY MESSINA, of R.D.1. Middle Grove, New York 12850, is a formidable pen-pusher. He tells me that he has written over 5,000 letters, all by hand, describing the merits of his I.V.B.A. Ring 26, of which he is secretary. That's an imposing figure, Tony. President PEP CASSILLO, is mighty fortunate in having such a live-wire in his group. The Ring was formed in 1969 and has its fair share of fistic greats as members, a list which sounds like a "Who's Who in Boxing," such as: LOU AMBERS, SAMMY ANGOTT, TONY ZALE, PETE GALOTTA, VIC GRUPICO, CARMEN FATTA, JOE BAKSI, BOB PASTOR, NICK TESTO, DOM DE CIANTIS, LEX JORDAN, TOMMY ROMANO, ABE FELDMAN, to mention a few. It's possible that some of the names mentioned here have passed on, but these are the boxing personalities that Ring 26 is proud to have had on its membership roll.

Heard from former middle and lightheavy contender DOYLE BAIRD. I remember his fight with VINCENTE RONDON at Cleveland in 1972. He fought for the WBA version of the light heavy title. He had some great fights, wins over DON FULLMER, EARL JOHNSON, a draw with NINO BENVENUTI, a loss to Emile Griffith. Now 38, he works for the AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, in the Circulation Department. He also keeps involved with boxing by training promising boys for the Golden Gloves.

Although belated, this column would like to pay homage to a great former fighter who passed on to the great beyond. The former great was JOE BORRELL. This man must have had a machine for a body, he had several hundred fights during a career that spanned 1905 to 1929. Joe fought a number of bouts in Europe and was to have met the famed Orchid Man, GEORGES CARPENTER in France, but the First World War broke out and Joe returned home. Regardless, look at some of the fistic luminaries that BORRELL fought: FRANK MANTELL, JEFF SMITH, AL McCOY, HARRY GREB four times (getting the newspaper decision on three of the fights), JACK BLACKBURN, BANDSMAN BLAKE, TOM GIBBONS, IRON MAN GRIMM, HARRY LEWIS, and LEO GATES, the Mohawk Indian. JOE BORRELL was a staunch member of VBA, Ring 14, of Hudson County, of which STANLEY POREDA is the founder, and CHARLIE WEPNER, the father of heavyweight CHUCK WEPNER is the public relations director.

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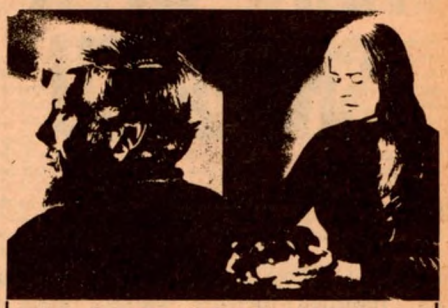

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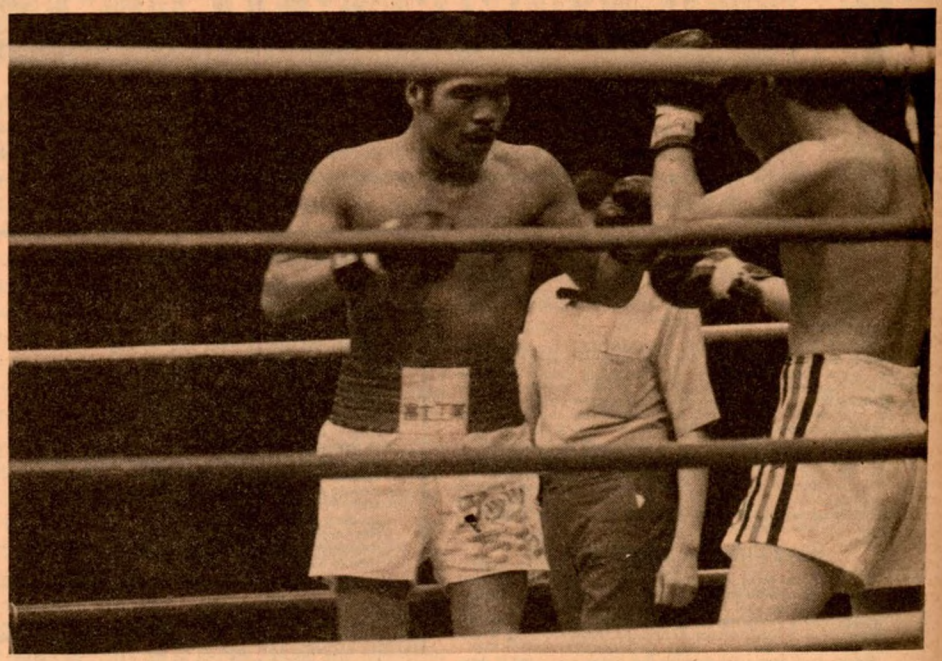

Guts (Suzuki) Ishimatsu, left, is seen against Yohai Arai during their ten-rounder at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo. Arai won a split decision over the former WBC lightweight champ.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Guts (Suzuki) Ishimatsu, former WBC lightweight champion, returned to ring warfare after a fourteen-month layoff, but lost a majority decision to an underestimated trial horse named Yohi Arai in a disappointing ten-rounder at Korakuen Hall.

The 29-year-old Ishimatsu had defended the WBC version against formidable challengers including Ken Buchanan and Rodolfo Gonzales, before he forfeited it by being outpunched and outlegged by Esteban De-Jesus in San Juan on May 8, 1976. The ex-champ's attempt to regain another WBC was halted by Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin in only six rounds in Tokyo on April 2 of last year.

Thereafter, Guts did not appear in the sqared circle except in minor public sparring sessions with Arai in Osaka. However, people could watch his face as a popular comedian on the national TV screen.

An estimated 2,000 spectators gathered Tokyo's mecca of fighting to see Guts' fine comeback, but in vain. Ishimatsu lacked his previous zip and speed and was outpowered by Arai, the third rated welterweight of the JBC (Japanese Boxing Commission) and junior by four years.

Referee Morita and Judge Uchida had Arai winning by 49-47 and 48-46, respectively, while the other judge, Shimakawa saw it a draw, 48-48.

Aware of how difficult it is for a veteran fighter to make a good comeback with plenty of examples such as James J. Jeffries, Benny Leonard, Jimmy Carruthers, etc., the reporter thinks Ishimatsu fought well, with his still sharp jabbing and a good defense, despite the points defeat.

Each scaled in at 143½ pounds and stood at 5'8", but the upright stylist Guts looked taller.

After a cautious start, Arai traded his favorite whirlwind attack at the face of the former champ, winning the third session. Ishimatsu tried to keep away from Arai's busier hands with hit-and-run tactics. But Arai, with a record of 20-18-2 (nine by kayo), was aggressive enough to concentrate on battering Guts' bread basket in round five. Ishimatsu was retreating all the way. In the sixth and seventh rounds, the mustached veteran commenced to tossing left jabs to keep the distance. Arai was a bit negative to study Guts' mobility out of form. But Ishimatsu's best was shown in the eighth round, when he threw plenty of one-two combos to chase the awkward opponent.

In the last two rounds, Ishimatsu seemed to run out of gas, throwing a few punches against Arai's many but ineffective combinations.

The rounds were nearly even.

Though major papers here castigated Guts' performance, the reporter advise them to wait for another showing by the former champ in better condition, now that Ishimatsu has decided to campaign on.

However, his record dropped to thirty-one wins, including seventeen KOs, against fourteen defeats and six draws.

In a supporting ten, junior flyweight Shigreo Nakajima, 112, registered a shutout over Puma Koya, 110¾ pounds.

The official scoresheets were tabbed as follows: referee Sasaki, 50-44; judges Kanaya and Uchida, 50-45 and 49-42. The winner upped his record to 9-1-1 (five kayoes). In every round, Nakajima held his slower rival at bay. Puma's determination barely made him last the contest, while Nakajima held his slower rival at bay. Puma's determination barely made him last the contest, while Nakajima seemed considerably annoyed by the bad bleeding at his left eyebrow that had begun in the fifth canto.

There were five other four-round bouts.

The card was presented by Kyokuto and Yonekura Promotions and telecast in the Tokyo by TV Asahi.

JAPAN

▲**TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — Elongated at 6'2", Akira (Kong) Saito was a Japanese heavyweight hope who scored seven straight knockouts in the U.S., chiefly in Oklahoma, and returned to Nippon in order to display his progress before 1,500 spectators here. But Saito, at 196¼, was too nervous and strained to show his usual boxing, as he inexplicably mixed it up in a reckless fashion only to be downed twice and stopped by a shorter but sturdier Nipponese named Toshihiko Nagaoka, twelve pounds lighter, at 1:20 of the second round in a scheduled tenner. Saito, piloted by ex-national champ Mizoguchi, might have aimed to outpower the No. 4 JBC middleweight, who appeared to have gained additional weight for this competition.

From the start, Saito went all out for a quick kayo, as he had previously scored a first-round knockout over Stoney Land, Calif., here last September.

Nagaoka's ducking frequently prevented Saito from scoring with wild lefts and rights. The shorter fighter tossed wicked rights at Saito's jaw, shaking him up so effectively as to take the opening session by a clearcut margin. Saito, in the second round, bored in harder than in the previous three minutes, but Nagaoka's short hooks were hard enough to drop the prospect on the seat of his pants. Beating the count, the 23-year-old Saito staggeringly punched him back to hit the deck again with the same blow from Nagoka, his three years senior. When Saito almost regained his feet, the third man Ugo had finished the count. The upset stoppage carried Nagaoka to 7-2-1 with five knockouts. It was a question why Saito did not utilize his by far longer reach and faster feet. The hope's attempt to come back soon is desired by many fight fans.

The crowd witnessed another short finish in a companion tenner, as Toshiharu Nambu, JBC No. 5 welterweight after the recent campaign in Los Angeles, easily demolished Kazuo Goshima, 153¾ and Shinjin-o (Novice king tournament) winner of this year, in only 166 seconds of the first round. Ref Tezaki wisely called a halt, after less experienced Goshima collapsed twice by the veteran's vicious left hooks.

▲**TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — Hitherto unbeaten ex-Olympian Yukio Segawa, lefty puncher at 128, engaged in his fourth pro game with three impressive knockouts before, but one solid combination of completely battered Koji Kunishige, 127¼, gave him the first defeat by a kayo with only three seconds remaining in the tenth and final round. The crowd of

some 1,500 fans was greatly stunned at the trick, because Segawa had been winning eight rounds out of nine proceeding rounds with ease. Shorter Segawa, who had dropped Davis of the U.S. despite the points loss in the Montreal Olympic Games, chased Kunishige with incessant punches to the face and body, piling up points steadily.

Kunishige, twenty-five, was regarded as an ideal trial horse due to his inferior record of 13-6-1 with seven KOs through his give-and-take fighting.

In every round, Kunishige was banged out all to stocks and was missing plenty. When the final session began, some of the witnesses were going back, considering that the result would have been almost decided.

With his face puffed and his left eye closed, Kunishige suddenly caught the 23-year-old rookie with a wicked right following left and right hooks to the chin. Down Segawa went with his face first on the canvas.

Segawa seemed to have exhausted his stamina so that he barely rose on rubber legs only to be counted out by referee Uchida. Time was 2:57.

In the first tenner, hard-hitting but glass-jawed Mitsuo Ohashi, 133, was in complete command this night, dropping Mitsuo Koide, 132¼, on five occasions until the third man Ugo tolled the fatal ten midway in round five. Since Ohashi found his rival's weakness at the liver, the victor repeatedly scored with left uppercuts to floor him twice in the second session and once each in the following rounds. It was ex-Shinjin-o winner Ohashi's 19th win and tenth kayo against nine defeats and one draw.

Junior lightweight hopes met in six rounds. Gen Akutsu, a quarter pound heavier at 130, tossed plenty of straight punches to rough Shigeyuki Otake, winning a majority nod.

Upright boxer Katsuji Tomori, 21 and 121¼, downed Hioraki Ito, at the same weight, in the opening session to score a unanimous decision in six.

Surviving a first round knockdown, crafty Hitoshi Ohashi, 121¼, overcame the deficit and won a hairline nod from Minoru Nanjo, 121½, in six. All the officials tabbed 28-27.

It was a card, of total fifty-two rounds, presented by Akihiko Honda's Teiken Promotion.

▲OSAKA — Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium witnessed national featherweight titlist Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto, 126¾, beat Yoshinori Natsuyama, the best Shinjin-o Award winner and half a pound lighter, in ten hot heats. Of course, it was a unanimous affair scored by the officials as follows: referee Kurume 49-41, judges Kashiwagi and Fujita 49-40 and 49-42, respectively. But Natsuyama, 5-0 with four quick kayos and who had sunk twenty-four contestants out of twenty-five wins as a Univ. amateur ringster, fought so hard that he won the great praise from estimated 3,000 customers.

As expected, Spider's 5 1" height was a big nuisance for Natsuyama, eight inches taller, whose vaunted straight punches missed the target too often. Spider, in every round, bored in recklessly and ruthlessly enough to score with resistless combos at the face and midsection. The third session saw the 23-year-old hope bleeding from the nose and the left eyebrow as well.

In the same pattern Nemoto threw far more punches than Natsuyama, dominating each round. Nemoto's only one point deficit happened in round eight, when he was ordered by the ref to forfeit it due to frequent kidney blows, maybe partly because Natsuyama doubled up from Spider's sticky body punching. (The deduction of a point was a stimilar case to the one when Sugar Ray Robinson was given a penalty in the second round with Gerhard Hecht in Berlin on June 24, 1951.)

The unanimous nod carried Spider to 27-6-2 with five knockouts. His Japanese title was not at stake.

In a semi-windup eight, Tatsuo Ohara, 139¾, dropped Hiro Inado, 140 pounds, four times to cause the third man to declare a halt in the fifth round.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — It was a rare case that there was not more than ten-round main event, but five six-rounders full of former Amateur Champs who had turned pro recently. Hard-punching Katsuhiro Okubo, twenty-two years of age and 139¼, made a quickest debut by stopping Toshio Mori, a taller boxer at 140 pounds, at five seconds left in the first session. Aggressive Okubo's triple right sank Mori for the count, after the former's opening attack had the latter quite bewildered.

Okubo, out of Chuoh Univ., had gained the national championship in the light welterweight class for the last two years. As a amateur, he had compiled a record of 131 wins (ninety-eight KOs) against eleven defeats.

In a sixer, Tadashi Mihara, at 158¼ and another amateur light middleweight champion, decked his first pro showing in demolishing Eiji Tanaka, former local Shinjin-o winner from Osaka at 158 pounds, in the third session. Mihara's strong right was a haymaker. The winner, 23, was a graduate from Nihon Univ. whose record had been 36-12 with 18 stoppages.

Former Olympian Hitoshi Ishigaki, 119½, was awarded a technical kayo from Shuji Hirata, an awkward lefty at 120, at the end of the second round. It was busy bantie Ishigaki's third victory due to Hirata's right eye closed badly. Ishigaki had better improve his balance in tossing combinations. Unbeaten ex-amateur puncher and 1978 Shinjin-o winner Satoru Hirata, 125 pounds, was annoyed by Shizuo Tosaka's toughness but unanimously beat him in six rounds. Hirata remained undefeated in seven pro outings.

The adventurous card, which drew some 1,500 fans at the Hall, was presented by Misako Promotion.

▲HANDA CITY, AICHI PREFECTURE — Tall lefthander Kenji Shibata, 153¾ and national junior middleweight champion, kept his title with a smashing kayo over Mamoru Taira, No. 6 contender at 152½, in only 2:56 of the second round. Shibata attacked his less experienced opponent from the first session. In round two the JBC champ exploded a straight left at Taira's chin to drop him for a compulsory eight count.

Shibata needed not so many minutes to have Taira on the deck twice more, and was awarded an automatical kayo triumph.

Junior lightweight Takao Maruki, 130 pounds, continued a winning streak by polishing off Takeshi Mine, from Tokyo and ¼ pound lighter, midway in the fourth round. Maruki is eager for a crack at Filipino Rey Tam's laurels.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Agile and aggressive Noboru Hatakeyama, Japan's junior welterweight champion at 140 pounds, gave a lesson to Shigeru Goda, 139, to retain his crown by a shutout decision in ten fast rounds.

Some 1,200 fans were in attendance to see Goda, JBC third contender, no match for Hatakeyama's speed and skills. Having dethroned veteran Tetsuo Furuyama last year, the 25-year-old champ retained the title for the second time to register his sixteenth win (four within the distance) against two defeats and one draw. When the first half of the contest passed, the end seemed a problem of time, because Hatakeyama battered the challenger with fine precision almost at will, moreoever Goda began to bleed badly from a gash over the left eyebrow caused by the champ's short punches at the mix-up during the third session. However Goda, despite his recent losing run, displayed tremendous durability to fight back with desperate but ineffective blows. Moving to and fro and punching Goda from all angles, Hatakeyama dominated the eighth and tenth rounds. The frequently weaving champ connected with a well-timed right following a good rally at the face, dropping Goda for the mandatory eight count in the final session.

Ref Oshida and judge Sasaki had the lopsided affair 50-45, eachi n the speedster's favor, and the other judge, Morita, scored it 50-44.

In a supporting ten, Futaro Tanaka, 120, twenty-six, and 13-7-5 with seven KOs, harshly attacked lanky banty Hideo Kobayashi, also 120, and was awarded at echnical kayo at the end of the sixth session. There were no knockdowns up to the sudden stoppage, for all Tanaka's onesided proceedings, caused by the loser's lumbago which was roughly jeered by the crowd.

In a preliminary eight, Katsuji Sano, 124¼, proved too sharp in mobility and punching as well, copping a unanimous decision from Masami Tomita, two pounds lighter. Young at 19, Sano may be a prospect with his 9-2-4 record.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Korea's top junior lightweight contender Lee Yidano, 132 and son of former Orient junior middle boss Lee Ansano, displayed his vaunted one-two combos less frequently to be held to a majority draw by Bomber Uchida, 131¼, in ten see-saw rounds before 1,500 fans.

Hard-hitting Uchida, having sunk eleven men in his twenty-three wins against four defeats and one draw, bored in recklessly to score with solid overhand rights at Lee's face repeatedly in the second round. Lee needed three rounds from the third canto to regain his usual distance, connecting with fast lefts and rights at the shorter Japanese to take the sixth session. The next round witnessed Uchida hit him with harsh jolting rights to have the 22-year-old outboxer retreating. It was Uchida's round. Each was game and scrappy enough to mix it up toe-to-toe in the center of the squared circle for the following rounds. Though referee Tezaki had Uchida winning 47-46, judges Field and Uchida both saw it a draw of 48-48. Favorite Lee was obviously annoyed by Uchida's powerful punching.

Dropping Hiromi Nishida, 141½, on four occasions, prospect Eiichi Fukumoto, 139½, demolished him at 42 seconds of the sixth round of a scheduled semi-final ten. It was the first appearance of Fukumoto, twenty-four, since he had returned from his campaign in Hawaii, but he lacked his usual smoothness in punching.

KOREA

▲SEOUL CULTURAL GYMNASIUM — OPBF junior featherweight champion Chung Soon-Hyun proved too strong and sharp for Japanese bantamweight Hideo Kobayashi, a lanky speedster, flattening him in the third session of a scheduled non-title ten. Time was 1:59. One of the best attractions in Korea, Chung's card drew no less than 2,500 customers there. For fear of Chung's vaunted power with which the prospect had acquired the Orient and Pacific crown from Filipino Ric Quijano recently, Kobayashi tried to make the best use of his footwork. But Chung was so agile that he caught the newcomer with a flashing right at the button, decking him for the mandatory eight count. In the second session, Kobayashi was on the defensive all the way and downed again from a wicked body shot near the end of the three minutes. After the narrow escape, there was no place but dreamland for Kobayashi to go to in the third round.

In a supporting ten, Korea's Kim Tae-Shik, registered another easy knockout over Mikio Uchida, Japan, in 3:02 of the second round.

As soon as the bout began, Kim swarmed over the import, beating him from all angles and dropping him with a barrage of solid punches.

In the next session, Kim scored three more knockdowns with his vaunted straight rights to gain a fine victory.

▲PUSAN — Kudok Gymnasium witnessed ex-Olympian Yuh Chong-Man demolish Hisami Mizuno, Japanese 122-pounder, in 2:14 of the sixth round. In spite of Yuh's second pro game, the Korean overwhelmed Mizuno, the shorter rival, whom he had on the deck with his persistent body attack in the first, second, fifth and sixth rounds. Mizuno's bread basket with good fat was a good target for the rising prospect rated by KBC as the top feather contender.

▲SEOUL — Having been stopped by Puerto Rico's Samuel Serrano in the tenth round for the WBA title last November, lanky speedster Kim Tae-Ho returned to action, winning a technical kayo from Mitsuyuki Nakane because of the Japanese fighter's bad gash in the fourth round at Seoul Cultural Gymnasium. In a supporting ten, junior flyweight hope Kim Chi-Bok beat Torayuki Nanasha, ex-Shinjin-o winner of Japan, by a unanimous decision.

▲SEOUL — Very promising 108-pounder Yuh Ok-Kyun, remained undefeated as he whipped Japan's Ryu Kaionji in ten hot frames.

PHILIPPINES

▲MANILA — Sensational national junior welterweight champion Dan de Guzman who had defeated Australia's Hector Thompson by an upset decision in his previous showing gained another important win from Indonesia's Wongso Suseno, former Orient Titlist, in ten unanimous rounds. The 22-year-old Guzman utilized his longer reach to outpunch Suseno in every round except in the seventh, when the formidable Indonesian dominated the round.

▲CAG. DE ORO CITY — Junior featherweight Rey Naduma, Jr. battered Ernie Bautista to score a TKO in the fifth round. Each tipped the beam at 122 pounds.

In another ten, Boy Oliva, 129, unanimously lost to Nardite Adrayan, also 129.

▲CEBU CITY — Bantie Cris Espinosa, 118, registered a technical knockout over Jun Soriano, 118, in the third round.

▲DAVO CITY — A double tenner took place by Andres Ong's promotion. Milky Javien, 110, lost a unanimous decision to Ronaldo Sumalis, 110, in ten frames. Little Carupo, 108, and Jun Leonerio, 109, battled to a majority draw in ten heats.

▲DAVAO DEL NORTE — Ric Barimbad, 108, proved too much for Flash Escobar, stopping him in two rounds of their scheduled ten.

▲OROQUIETA — Lightweight top notcher Star Lantapan, 132, won from Young Fely, 132 pounds, by a unanimous decision in ten rounds. It was promoter Bert Lagar's card.

▲CAG. DE ORO CITY — Danilo Inocian, 114, was held to a split draw by Julius Gonzaga, at the same weight, in ten

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ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
(AS OF JULY 27, 1978)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
JaeDo Yuh (K)
1. Rudy Siregar (I)
2. HeunWon Kang (K)
3. Al Korevov (A)
4. Namyong Park (K)
5. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
6. ChulKwon Suh (K)
7. Albert Cruz (P)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. ChangBaek Choi (K)
10. Katsuo Ezashi (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ho Joo (K)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
3. ManDok Lee (K)
4. JunShik Kim (K)
5. JaeKun Lim (K)
6. Armando Boniquito (P)
7. Aquilino Nicolas (P)
8. Michihiro Horihata (J)
9. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
10. Satanfa S. Pratip (T)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akiio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Mana Premchai (T)
4. Shoji Tsujimoto (J)
5. JooSok Kim (K)
6. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
7. Tito Gonzaga (P)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. ChulHi Park (K)
10. Yohi Arai (J)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Moises Cantoja (P)
1. Dan De guzman (P)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. ChongHo Kim (K)
4. Hector Thompson (A)
5. Jong Sathiragym (T)
6. Ruben Rabago (P)
7. Wongso Suseno (I)
8. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
9. Minoru Suguya (J)
10. Kiatsayarm Jokker (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
YoungHo Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. KwangMin Kim (K)
3. Changton Singthenongsadi (T)
4. Many Israel (P)
5. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
6. Billy Mulholland (A)
7. Jonrub Muangsurin (T)
8. Jae Lim (P)
9. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
10. Lee Iidano (K)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rey Tam (P)
1. Takao Maruki (J)
2. TaeJin Mun (K)
3. Bomber Uchida (J)
4. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
5. Apollo Yoshio (J)
6. HyungIl Park (K)
7. Romeo Olivetti (P)
8. Billy Moeller (A)
9. MunSuk Choi (K)
10. Lito Pena (P)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Nene June (P)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. JinKyun Kim (K)
5. Nunthabureng Leadbankee (T)
6. Boy Reys (P)
7. ChongMan Yuh (K)
8. Sumake Chorchang (T)
9. Paul Ferreri (A)
10. Shigeyoshi Aoki (J)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
SooHyun Chung (K)
1. Ric Quijano (P)
2. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
3. Eijiro Murata (J)
4. Ric Diamle (P)
5. ChongWo Baek (K)
6. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
7. DokHyun Koh (K)
8. Neptali Alamag (P)
9. Sakad Porntavee (T)
10. Brian Robert (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
YungShik Kim (K)
1. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
2. Go Numata (J)
3. Shuichi Isogami (J)
4. InKyo Park (K)
5. Billy Abato (P)
6. Cesar Amazan (P)
7. Fernando Cabanera (P)
8. Venice Berkersor (T)
9. ChongChan Lee (K)
10. Sutan Rambing (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
1. Jipo Takada (J)
2. Dan Pisalchai (T)
3. Koichi Maki (J)
4. YungHwan Kim (K)
5. Kenji Kato (J)
6. HakYung Kim (K)
7. Raengnoi Sithjular (T)
8. Arnal Arrizai (P)
9. Grienggai Yingsakdi (T)
10. Nobuyuki Watanabe (J)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
SangIl Chung (K)
1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Makdong Kim (K)
3. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
4. Sangthong Siththumrong (T)
5. Ric Barimbad (P)
6. Steve Bell (A)
7. Younghyun Kim (K)
8. Chungcherng Borkorsor (T)
9. Phenix Taniguchi (J)
10. Ben Aldeguer (P)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.

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HALLACY BROS.

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come to mind. Joe Brown who was in the late 50's the lighweight champion and Johnnie Brooks, who was up in the top 10 in his weight class as well in the same time period.

For the brothers their new manager-trainer gives them the connections they need the most to become nationally known. It is said that Meek has connections that reach into the Madison Square Garden. Without question since his arrival all three brothers have faced tougher fighters. Ned Hallacy facing Mike Quarry is one example. Mike facing Ray Seales is another.

The fight Ned had with Mike Quarry proved to be an interesting bout. Fought in Wichita, the fight was a ten-round battle that went all the way to the end and was considered to be extremely close. Quarry, on the comeback trail, came into Wichita with perhaps the feeling that it would be an easy fight against an unknown. It turned out that he was to have an all-out war with Ned in the ring. In the end a swirl of controversy erupted. Originally awarding the fight to Quarry, the referee changed his mind the following day and called the fight a draw. Two of the three judges present had scored the fight a draw while the third judge gave one point more to Quarry. Inexperienced in refereeing pro fights the referee gave the fight to Quarry but later looked at the rulebook and noted that the majority of judges shall decide the fight. The majority called it a draw. Understandably Quarry was upset about the change. But not upset enough to cancel any possibility of a rematch. However if anyone was upset on the call it was Ned.

"I thought I won the fight!" he said later. "In fact in the last round I held back some because I thought I had won the last few rounds."

But it was called a draw. Nevertheless Ned was glad he had the chance to face a fighter like Quarry.

"I think Mike is a tougher fighter now than he has ever been," Ned said about Quarry. "He's older, smarter and more experienced. He was a more solid puncher than I had expected. But I knew he wasn't going to knock me out."

Ned, the oldest fighting brother, can be articulate at times. Most of the time actually. Especially when it comes to boxing.

"A fighter is like an actor really," he said, "without the recognition he's a nobody."

Recognition may soon be on the way to the oldest brother. Especially if he does well against John Conteh. He has some opinions about what might happen in that fight as well.

"I have a chance with Conteh," he said, thinking about the possible fight. "He cuts fairly easily and that's the way I'd try to fight. If I could cut him bad enough to have the fight stopped I could win. But he's a tough fighter."

For Mike Hallacy the fight with Ray Seales did a lot for the 25-year-old middleweight. It proved conclusively to him that he could step into the ring and go the full stanza with the best.

"It was a real close fight and I felt I just lost a decision," Mike said in looking back at the first fight arranged by Meek. "I wasn't near in shape for that fight as I am now. I feel like I'm 100 percent better now."

Of the three brothers, Mike appears to have the best shot at going for the title for his weight. For an unrated fighter Mike has fought some good fights. He dropped Tony McMen, once rated number fourteen in the U.S., in the first round. He was given the decision over the African middleweight champion, King George Aidoo. And although losing to Seales, Seales was not laughing when he left Wichita after the fight. Still, up to the fight with Seales, Mike had doubts as to how good he was.

"I've always wanted to know what I would do against a top rated fighter," he said. "I feel I lost that fight because I ran out of steam in the last rounds. I'm better now."

And what aboout Pat? At twenty he's the youngest fighting brother. And in May his fighting career experienced something few fighters ever get in their professional careers. In Memphis he fought a young fighter that up until meeting Pat had been undefeated. That record was changed after the fight. Pat not only won a match which turned out to be a toe-to-toe slugfest, but also had the pleasure of having a standing ovation given to him from an appreciative crowd. Fighting in the junior welterweight class Pat has his work cut out for him but both older brothers agree that Pat has the talent and the speed to be the best there is.

Three tough Irishmen fighting at the same time. For Ned, at 30, time may be running out. But who knows? Fighters can be listed for hours on end that kept their careers going respectably for a decade more before hanging up their gloves. It may be that Ned could be reaching the peak of his fighting ability. The coming months ahead could prove decisive. And a shot at John Conteh may be the key to Ned's career.

Mike and Pat Hallacy will undoubtedly be heard from more often. Mike is twenty-five and Pat is twenty. Both have enough years to make their names be mentioned a few times yet. But what is interesting is that three brothers, and white at that, are fighting at the same time. And all three are solid, hard-punching pros that do not have to take a back seat to anyone.

Whether any of the three can have a true shot at their respective titles remains to be seen. But the three brothers realize their chances are better than they have ever been.

RALPH GAMBINA

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Nixon (28-5) with eight KOs has a reputation for being counted out in big money fights. In his last four bouts he was kayoed. "You can't transplant a chin," said Gambina. "Being stopped by good fighters like Mike Rossman is no disgrace. Rossman gave Mike Quarry a helluva fight," added Gambina. "There are more champions now than there used to be. It's easier to win a title. You gotta keep punchin', right?"

Another good ringman in Gambina's stable is featherweight Dave Sotelo who almost kayoed Bobby Chacon at the Forum Boxing Arena. Sotelo had Chacon on the floor twice but the decision went to the former WBC featherweight champ. Sotelo's next big matchup is with contender Art Hafey at the Forum.

Flamboyant and colorful, Ralph Gambina is outspoken when he feels his fighters have been shortchanged inside the fistic arena. At sixty-nine, he's still in there punching, hoping to come up with a world champion. In the sport of pugilism you never know what will happen when the bell sounds. Let's hope it rings a merry tune for the West Coast's venerable fistic pilot Ralph Gambina, the part-time movie actor!

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RENAISSANCE IN JERSEY

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ospects. With the recent approval of casino gambling in Atlantic City, and with many sports booming in the Meadowlands, New Jersey boxing fans can look foward to some major bouts in the not-too-distant future. The New Jersey boxing renaissance is dramatic proof that former fighters should be running the game everywhere. Embassy Hall, North Bergen N.J.: A crowd of about nine hundred turned out to see an Al Certo promotion that included nine bouts and forty-two scheduled rounds of boxing, but no main event. The card of four and six rounders was staged primarily to keep several local prospects active, according to Certo.

The lineup included two promising newcomers who were written up in separate articles, in the August issue of *The Ring*: Dale Staley and Arcadio "Pee Wee" Suarez.

Staley, 148¼, from Baltimore Md., had the look of a future champion in stopping Conway Bowling, 147, in three rounds. Staley's lethal right hand hammered Bowling's face into a lumpy mess, causing him to retire at the end of the third heat. Dale remains undefeated as a pro in eight outings. Seven of those wins are knockouts.

Another undefeated knockout specialist, Aradio "Pee Wee" Suarez, 135, San Juan P.R., overwhelmed D.C. Cunningham, 135, in one round. "Pee Wee's" left hook dropped Cunningham on his face twice, before the slaughter was stopped, one minute and twenty-nine seconds into the opening frame.

Mike "Nino" Gonzales, 130½, Bayonne N.J. is also being touted as a future contender, but he had to struggle to outpoint a determined Jose Matos, 135½, Newark N.J., in a four rounder. A Gonzales right scored the only knockdown in round three.

The nominal main event pitted Sal San Fillippo, 177, Jersey City, in a rematch with Jose Morales, 175, N.Y.C. In their initial meeting Morales floored San Fillippo three times in the opening heat, only to be stopped in the next round. This time the veteran Morales was intent on not being hit at all costs. San Fillippo was also gun-shy, but he did throw enough leather to win all six rounds on my card. Referee Vinnie Rainone repeatedly warned Morales to stop clowning and start fighting. Jose finally responded, but not until after the final bell, when he took a swing at San Fillippo's back. Handlers from both corners and a few fans jumped into the fray. Rainone disqualified Morales, but Commissioner Walcott changed the verdict to a points win for San Fillippo.

"Little" 205 pound Dan Jenkins administered a boxing lesson and than a severe beating to 270 pound Dennis "Primo" Romano in a bout reminiscent of Chuck Wepner's battle with wrestler Andre the Giant. The contest was stopped in the fourth and final round, with Jenkins the easy winner.

Johnny Kane, 177, N.J. stopped Bobby Clarke, 175, in the second round of a scheduled six rounder on a severe lip cut.

Luis Rivera, 125, outpointed Mel Boyton, 130 in a four rounder.

Harry DeCosey, 176, Jersey City, won a six round decision over Gene Muldow, 171, also from Jersey City.

OSCAR MUNIZ

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tonio Sanchez. "I think my poorest fight cam easily in my career when I fought Richard Rozelle in Las Vegas. I wasn't feeling good that night. I'm not maing any excuses. The fight was close and I'd like to meet Rozelle again," Muniz said.

Muniz's chances of winning the bantamweight title are rated good. He's a dedicated and nonpareil ringman with class. Oscar's speed afoot is an asset, making him a tough target to clobber. "With a little more of the killer instinct, Oscar could really develop into a kayo clouter. I think that Muniz is ready for guys like Albert (Superfly) Sandoval, Frankie Duarte and Rodolfo Martinez. I honestly feel that Muniz can beat Sandoval," said Georgino.

Win, lose, or draw, the future looks promising for Oscarcar Muniz. The 5-4, 118 pounder is married. Oscar is in class company with stablemates Albert Davila, Herman (Kid) Montes and WBC featherweight Champ Danny Lopez. "I really would like to win the bamtamweight title and be the first Mexican-American since Manuel Ortiz to gain the honor," Muniz commented. Oscar has impressed many veteran boxing wizards with his skillful ring talent. Will he mount the bantaweight throne in the future? The potential is there so is the dedication. Fistically, Oscar Muniz rates a helluva chance of winning the title. Only time will tell if his dream of emulating Manuel Ortiz comes true!

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block it which was taughthim by Tommy Ryan. Well, Ryan's defensive tactic didn't work and that was the end of Corbett. Lucky? Boy, was Jeffries lucky!

And how about Fitzsimmons? Everyone seemed to think Fitz was something special as well, he beat Corbett. That proves he's great, right? Wrong! He beat Corbett by the use of his "solar plexus blow," a blow that struck the large network of nerves behind the stomach that controlled all the abdominal viscera and affected muscular movement and breathing! Corbett didn't know there was such a vital place to protect, and if he did, he never would have lost. That's why (in my opinion) Fitz would never fight Corbett again. If he did, he wouldn't have the advantage of surprise and would never have a chance to deliver his 'solar plexus blow.' And Jack Johnson. He never did anything. he got flattened by Choynski, beaten by Hart. Big deal. The only boxers he ever beat with any magnitude were Tommy Burns and an aging Jim Jeffries! Neither Jeffries, Fitzsimmons or Johnson could last much more than a round with young Ali, Joe Louis of Joe Frazier. Muhammad Ali is (I think) adequately named "The Greatest."

Eric Todd Jorgensen
R.P.V. CA.

BANE TO BOXING

I have always been a reader of *Ring Magazine* and an admirer of its policies. Nat Foeischer was a champion for the best in boxing. I urge you to explore whatever ideals may be on the evils of having two world boxing organizations who feud all of the time and thereby give boxing a large dose of ills. What can be the fans do? Double championships are a bane to boxing. Why don't we learn from the errors of the past?

M. L. Vetter
Cleveland, Ohio

THE WANTS ARTICLE ON FOSTER

I read, *Ring's* May issue, which contained an article focusing on Carlos Monzon being touched as the top middleweight of all time. It was an extremely well written and informative article on one of my all-time favorite fighters. However, Carlos has retired (through he should not be forgotten). As great as Carlos was, also as great was Bob Foster, light heavyweight champ for a number of years. Bob was as formidable in his division as Carlos was in his, and an article matching Lanky Bob's career with other former light heavyweight champs could certainly merit and exciting and informative article for your readers, especially since the light heavies rarely get the write-ups as much as other wieght divisions. Judging from his record, he deserves an article. How about it?

Clint Mathews
New Haven, CT.

FRANKLIN UNDERRATED

I feel that Matt Franklin is underrated. Franklin is going to be one champion. He was robbed when he fought Eddie Gragory. On the other hand, he has beaten the newly crowned WBC Light Heavyweight champion, Mate Parlov and, in his latest fight, he knocked out Richie Kates in the sixth round of their Spectrum brawl. Franklin is going to take the title from Mate Parlov and then knockout Mike Rossman. Franklin should get more publicity from boxing magazines and promoters, especpally from *The Ring,* because yours is the best.

Lydell Johnson
Philadelphia, Pa.

ZARATE SHOULD BE CHAMP

Not only should world championships be won and lost in the ring, they should be defended in the ring. A champion who fialails to defend his title in a satisfactory manner should be stripped of his title.

Al agree with you that Leon Spinks should not be stripped of his title. But I think that James Braddock should have been. If I remember correctly, Braddock went two years without defending the title once. It would be a good move on your part to establish a liberal but consistent rule regarding minimum defense of a title, beyond which your magazine will cease to recognize the inactive champion.

When Zamora declared that the Zarate fight was not a WBA title fight, he did not say it wasn't a *Ring Magazine* title fight, He may have the power to hoard the WBA title, but he can't dictate to your publication. I would take a very suspicious look at the over-the-weight non-title clause and award the world championship to Zarate. Wehever a champion enters the ring at the equal weights with a top contender, it sure sound like a title bout to me! Wasn't there a somewhat similiar situation in the Marcel Thil-Fred Apostoli fight?

The "correct lineage" of the world championship has come to mean less than the comparative abilities of the two champions, particularly in the bantaweight and junior lightweight classes. It could be said that Carlos Zarate has been maneuvered out of his righful place in the succession of world champions. That situation can be corrected. Ideally, the best boxer in each division is named world champion. When this isn't the case, something should be done about it.

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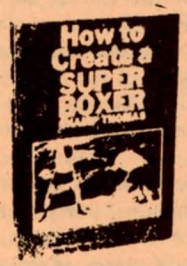

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V.B.A. TESTIMONIAL

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were responsible for having Connecticut reinstate professional boxing to the state.

The testimonial dinner to this very devoted husband and wife team—sponsored by the National V.B.A. was held at the beautiful Rosoff's Theatrical Restaurant in the heart of the theatre district in New York City. Personalities from many areas of the United States, Canada, South America and Europe were at the dinner to salute this first testimonial ever given by a national veteran boxing group to a man and his wife.

Spectrum Arena promoter Russell Peltz of Philadelphia attended with his family and two current top-rated Philly fighters, light-heavyweight Matt Franklin and bantamweight Jeff Chandler, famed trainers Ray Arcel and Sid Martin, Stewart Levine with a contingent from Ring 9, of New Jersey, and Ring 1, of Philadelphia were in strength with cheerleader Becky O'Neil. Joe Nolan, vice-president of Boston's Ring 4 gave me the bad news that former featherweight champion of the world Sal Bartolo was unable to attend as his wife had just suffered a heart attack and Tommy Rawson, president of Ring 4, of Boston, who was also expected was unable to make the dinner—his wife had suddenly passed away. All VBA members expressed their sympathy.

The march-in of the honored personalities was made to the tune of "Hail the Conquering Heros," led by former lightheavyweight champion of the world Tommy Loughran, followed by former world champions Ben Jeby (middleweight), Phil Terranova, (featherweight), Corp. Izzy Schwartz, (Flyweight), Bernie Manhoff, president of the N.V.B.A., Colonel Donald Hull, Chairman of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, Hon. Harold Baer and Hon. Michael Dontzin, both Supreme Court Judges of the state of New York and Mrs. Audrey (Jersey) Jones, president of the NVBA Ladies Auxiliary. After taking their places at the dais, the two personalities of the hour were escorted in. It was indeed a ceremony befitting the Formans—the escort was World Boxing Association Commissioner Abe J. Greene, who for many years was the chairman of the Athletic Commission of the state of New Jersey.

Lester Bromberg, former sports writer with the New York Post made one of his rare appearances and with his attractive wife, Miriam, a talented artist who has had many successful shows of her work, Solly Seeman and his wife Rose, sat at my table along with former British lightweight contender "Kid Farlo" (Harry Markenson) and a group of VBA, Ring 8, members led by former president, Al Reid, Phil Rutha, longtime with the now defunct Long Island Press and Oscar Goldman, who fought in the mid-1930s was able to catch up with his former trainer Ray Arcel, who sat at the next table.

Frank Stallone, brother of the famed Sylvester, of the movie "Rocky" fame attended and was seen taking photographs of the champions and other personalities all evening. Former Ring 8 director Joe Martello, a well known former bantamweight of the early 1940s from Hell's Kitchen district of N.Y.C. made the affair after a long bout of illness. Other personalities present was boxing writer Lew Eskin, who traveled from Saddle River, New Jersey, Rose and Doctor Harry Lewis of the New York State Athletic Commission, Joe Borrell, who although in his eighties looks remarkably fit—especially when it must be remembered that Joe had a fantastic career and fought the great Harry Greb five times. The great fistic luminary Odin Dudrich, Joe Shannon, past president of the N.V.B.A., Jack Amiel, the former partner with Jack Dempsey, attended with his family and this great sporting figure who still operates a racing stable at Belmont Park, recalled to me the great race his wonder horse "Count Turf," which won the 1953 Kentucky Derby. The speakers on the dais praised the voluntary work of both Molly and Lou and were loud in their praises for the long hours that they had worked to create laws to improve the lot of the veteran boxer. Presentations were made by Bernie Manhoff, president of the National V.B.A. and the Honorable Harold Baer, Supreme Court Justice of the state of New York.

Among special friends of the Formans were Charles Gellman, the Executive Director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital in New York, the past president of the New York State Hospitals Association, Dr. John Sergeant, New Jersey Councilman, chaplain Pat Conte of Ring 9, Janet Pepper, Molly's sister, a lawyer who had two sons who also were lawyers. Bobby Lee, who owns the largest Chinese restaurant in Howard Beach, Queens, "China Leaves." Entertainment was provided and a great performance was given by comic David Carr who had traveled to New York direct from the Sahara Hotel, where he is appearing with Totie Fields in the famed Las Vegas Casino.

Even the strolling violinist, engaged for the tribute, turned out to be a former Philadelphia Golden Gloves welterweight champion. There is no doubt in the minds of all who attended the tribute, with such people as Lou and Molly Forman, the veteran boxer organizations will indeed prosper and use their voice towards the betterment of boxing, and the improvement of conditions for the ex-boxer. . .

BELL AND BROOM

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Wilson is happily married to District native Sylvera who says that her man is the "best" in and out of the ring.

Another rising star on the Washington boxing scene is 6-5, 240-pound heavyweight Dave Johnson, known as "Big Foot" for his size 14's. The 20-year-old with the hard-muscled body is 10-2 after a year of campaigning. Johnson has power to burn, but sometimes loses concentration and the power is wasted.

Some of Dave's problems include the fact that he has only boxed a little over three years and fought just 21 amateur contests prior to turning pro. Inexperience and a tendency to let the opponent dictate the fight are his main weaknesses at this point, but Johnson's potential is high indeed.

A Washington middleweight who may make a name for himself yet, is Wilber Crews who fights with a smooth dome a' la Benny Briscoe.

Wilber is a happy-go-lucky 31-year-old who began professional boxing less than a year ago after an extensive amateur career stretching back to 1970. Over the course of more than 90 bouts, Wilber twice fought for the National A.A.U. 165-pound title. Unfortunately, the D.C. Department of Recreation employee lost both times on close decisions.

As a pro, Wilber is already an accomplished ring man, yet he tends to be overly defensive . . . when he faced Odell Leonard in May, he fought a clever battle in retreat, but with an increased punching volume, he could well have taken the decision.

Crews is now looking forward to a rematch with O'Dell scheduled for early summer in Virginia Beach. This time, he predicts the contest will be a real "rumble".

Another Washington middleweight likely to be heard from is 24-year-old Keith Broom, a former Navy man who now sports a perfect 10-0 record after a short year of campaigning. In a long, 100-plus bout amateur career, Keith also distinguished himself by winning National Golden Gloves and A.A. U. 165-pound championships in 1977 and 1976 respectively.

Keith began his pro career with a six-round decision over tough Irving Hines at Virginia Beach. At the time, Keith had been out of the Navy six months or so and had been attending college in North Carolina, but the lure of the ring was overpowering.

Now relocated in Washington, Keith plans to start attending college again soon, as he eventually wants to earn a counselling degree to help youngsters.

In his most recent encounter, Keith edged cagy Wilber Crews on the undercard of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Rafael Rodriguez card in Baltimore, prior to that he stopped Odell Leonard on cuts after two bruising rounds. In early April, Keith began an impressive string of local victories with a fourth round knockout of Stan Jackson and then followed up with TKO victories over Philadelphia's Art McCloud and New York's Maurice Watkins.

"I think Keith has shown the local fans that he has the guts to come off the canvas and fight when he's hurt—that's the stuff that champs are made of," said manager Don Angel, a 30-year fight veteran. "Keith is moving up slowly but surely," added Angel, "but we think he's a proven fighter who eventually will challenge for the middleweight title."

CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS, PANT FIVE

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Novelty Grahams," Graham being the middle name of Stribling's younger brother, Graham. The two boys, four and two years old, respectively, put on a boxing act, and that was Stribling's introduction to the sport of pugilism.

Stribling made his pro debut as a legitimate fighter in Atlanta on January 27, 1921, when he was sixteen years of age, beating Kid Donn in four rounds. Both fighters weighed 117 pounds. Young Stribling, though, grew rapidly, and, just a year and a half later, won the Southern Middleweight title by outpointing Jake Abel over ten rounds in Macon, Georgia.

"W.L." never had any manager but his father, and only the boxing commissions and the laws prevented "Ma" Stribling from working her son's corner, also.

By the end of 1923, the nineteen-year-old Stribling was one of the top light heavyweights in the world. He'd narrowly missed lifting Mike McTigue's crown in Columbus, Georgia in a fight that referee Harry Ertle first called a draw, then, "influenced" by Stribling partisans, called a win for Stribling, and finally, after he'd gotten out of Georgia, changed back to a draw by wiring the major news services.

Despite his disappointing loss to Berlenback, Young Stribling must rate as one of the best light heavyweights to ever lace on a glove. He defeated Tommy Loughran two out of three times, beat Maxie Rosenbloom twice, licked Jimmy Slattery, and fought a six-round draw with Berlenbach two years before their title fight.

Seven prominent sportswriters thought Stribling had beaten Jack Sharkey in their February, 1929 Miami fight. The referee, Lou Magnolia, called it for Sharkey.

"The King of the Canebrakes" met an untimely end on October 2, 1933, when he died, in Macon, from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. He was twenty-eight years old.

VICTORIO CAMPOLO

He was born in the province of Reggio Calabria, Italy, June 4, 1902, but was raised in Argentina. Although the tendency was to compare his background with that of Luis Firpo, Campolo, who stood six and a half feet tall and weighed 225 pounds (He was somewhat lanky) was not a "wild bull of the pampas." He had studied at the University del Plata and at the University of Buenos Aires before coming to the States to compete in a Pan-American boxing carnival in Boston in 1925.

Later on that year, he turned professional. He was making progress in the punch-for-pay ranks when, in 1928, Monte Munn knocked him out in the ninth round. Campolo rebounded, knocking out Tom Heeney, and then 1930 proved his best year, as he kayoed George Cook, Tritero Gastanaga, and Roberto Roberti (another "giant"), and won on a foul from Arthur DeKuh. His only reversal was a decision loss to England's "Phaintin' Phill" Scott in New York on September 23.

According to Nat Fleischer, Campolo's main problems were his lack of training and his allegiance with promoter Humbert Fuganzy, who wasn't able to obtain Campolo all the bouts that he had promised. Victorio's title aspirations were dissolved when Ernie Schaaf kayoed him in the seventh round in Madison Square Garden, August 31, 1931. It was hoped Campolo would come back, but he was through for all extents and purposes.

TUFFY GRIFFITHS

Gerald Ambrose "Tuffy" Griffiths was known as the "Pender Pounder," having grown up in Pender, Nebraska. He was another college man, having attended Northwestern University. Tuffy was a leading "trial horse" of the early thirties, a rough-and-tumble fighter, all arms and elbows, and a hard man to put down.

Griffiths had nursed title aspirations in the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions until James J. Braddock knocked him out in two rounds on November 30, 1928. (That kayo "made" Jim Braddock.) Tuffy knocked Tom Heeney out in New York on July 30, 1930 and beat Johnny Risko in Chicago. But Max Baer knocked him out in seven rounds in 1932.

Tuffy Griffiths died on Novemver 15, 1968 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sheridan, Wyoming, where he had been a patient for a number of years. He also fought Young Stribling, Tommy Loughran, King Levinsky, and Jack Roper, among others.

OTTO VON PORAT

He was born September 25, 1903, in Oslo, Norway, but fought out of Chicago, where the recurrent question put to visiting New York fight writers was: "What do you think of Von Porat?" The recurrent answer: "He hits harder than any heavyweight now fighting."

During 1929-31, with Dempsey retired and Max Baer a prelim boy on the west coast, that may well have been true. The potency of Otto's righthand punch was felt by Battling Levinsky, K.O. Christner (KO-9), Jack DeMave, (KO-2), and Tom Heeney, who had his lip split so badly it was feared he would never fight again.

Johnny Risko beat Von Porat in Boston, April 5, 1929. Two months later, Otto ran into Young Stribling in Chicago. Stribling hung a first-round kayo on him, bringing a quick end to the Von Porat title aspirations.

HAROLD MAYS

He was born in Gardiner, Maine, January 20, 1905. Mays, who was managed by Charles Deosserick, had one of the best records of any heavyweight campaigning in that era. From 1924 until the end of his career, Harold engaged in over sixty bouts, facing many of the top campaigners, yet was never stopped. Along the way, he beat such stars as Quinton Romero (KO-1), Jack Roper (KO-8), Tony Galento (W-10), King Solomon (W-10), K.O. Christner (W-10), and Jimmy Braddock (W-10).

Harold also lost his share of fights to men like Jack Renault, Leo Lomski, Yale Okum, and Ernie Schaaf, a reason why he never made it to a title shot. He quit the game in 1933.

ROCKY ESTAFIRE

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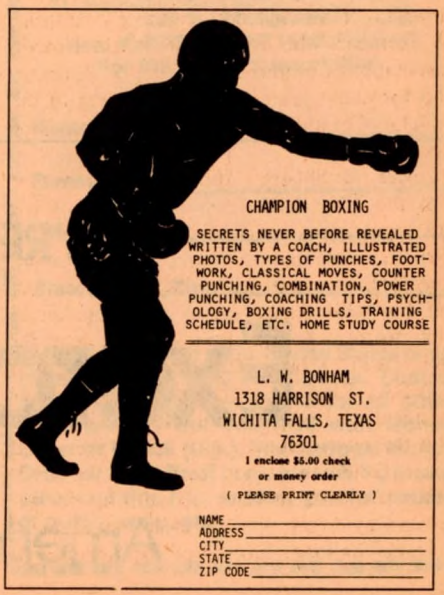
be recognized as a professional middleweight in the United States and I knew that that was where the best managers and trainers were." Over a year later, Estafire had saved enough money, acquired a visa to the United States and was on his way. "When I arrived here in the United States, I was met by my cousin Sammy who owned a small business in Brooklyn," he says. "Sammy was my biggest inspiration in boxing; he helped me to find the right connections, speak the language and generally somehow make sense of everything."

He began training at Gleason's Gym under the tutelage of the veteran Freddie Brown, but has subsequently moved his training sessions to the Gramercy Gym where he is trained by one of boxing's most unheralded trainers, Tony Canzi. Estafire has a record of 16-0-1 and is moving along, slowly but surely in the small clubs that have continued to operate in the days of the enormous television dollar. Places like Sunnyside Gardens, Binghamton and Providence.

Rocky, an appropriate name under the circumstances, is married and has a two-month-old daughter. He is a brawler with some finesse, a southpaw without the usual awkwardness that comes with a lefty puncher. He has the ability to go all the way, but he has to be patient. Estafire lives, eats, and sleeps boxing. "I love boxing," he says. "Hopefully, one day I will be able to thank my friends, my family, my trainer and my mangers for what might one day be the middleweight championship of the world. I am confident that if I get the chance, the championship belt will be mine."



WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Kallie Knoetze stopped Denton Ruddock, 3
Earnie Shavers halted Harry Terrell, 2
Domingo D'Elia knocked out Pablo Castellino, 5
Frank Monaco stopped Carl Halliburton, 2
Jim Beattie lost to Ruffhouse Fisher, 8
Grady Daniels lost to Pedro Agosto, 10
Ron Drinkwater stopped Joe Velmure, 5
Bill Connell halted Ralph Mifka, 2
Richard Roy won over Conrad Tooker, 8
Guy Casale stopped Tommy Sheehan, 3
Randy Mack kayoed Jerry Thompkins, 7
Dennis McAllister halted Earl Canty, 4
Fred Askew stopped Chuck Gardner, 6
Racky McCaleb beat Marc Hans, 4
Mustafa El Amin was stopped by Ken Arlt, 5
Ibar Arrington stopped Joe "King" Roman, 8
Simon Mircea kayoed Dan Johnson, 6
David Wynne whipped Elliott Bryant, 6
John Tate stopped Walter Santemore, 6
James Dixon whipped Nick Wells, 10
Roy Wallace beat Johnny Boudreaux, 10
Henry Ray beat Vernon Johnson, 6
Pantera Rodriguez halted Fermin Rodriguez, 5
(Spanish Heavyweight Title)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Victor Galindez halted Antonio Musladino, 9
Mike Rossman halted Matt Ross, 2
Alvaro Lopez beat Jesse Burnett, 15
(US Lightheavyweight Title)
Matt Franklin stopped Dale Grant, 5
Mustapha Wassaja, beat Marvin Johnson, 8
Henry Sims beat Lucky Patterson, 4
Manny Freitas halted Jimmy Diego Roberson, 2
Dan Stahle beat Larry Allen, 4
Michael Robinson halted Dennis C. Brown, 1
Slim Ali stopped Stanley Scott, 6
Rick Nelson stopped James Coleman, 1
Roderick Matthaws beat Doug Arlt, 5
Bashiru Alli beat Charles Terrell, 6
Len Lawson won over Pedro Garcia, 6
Len Provo whipped Ronnie Wilson, 10
Otis Gordon stopped Eddie Mitchell, 2
Carl Ivy beat Marcus Dorsey, 6
Alvin Dominy stopped Danman Lacy, 1
Ronnie Wilson halted Leni Vanisi, 7
James Mthatho beat Sydney Hoho, 12
Ernio Cometti won over Francisco Fiol, 8
Lotte Mwali whipped Marvin Johnson, 8
Gino Freo defeated Josip Cikada, 4

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Vito Antuofermo beat Willie Warren, 10
Alan Minter halted Angelo Jacoppucci, 12
(European Middleweight Title)
Edgar Wallace lost to Tom Hanna, 10
Warren Thunder halted Eddie Partee, 1
Dom DiMarzo halted Earl Harris, 2
Rusty Rosenberger stopped Harry White, 1
Dan Snyder Stopped Fred Daniels, 1
Richard J. Bennett won over Tyrone Freeman, 6
Dave Meadows beat Tony Franco, 6
Henry Bunch beat Charles Williams, 4
Sugar Ray Seales beat Johnny Heard, 10, also whipped Tommy Howard, 12
Steve Kreuger halted Paul Johnson, 2
Gordy Kampa won over Terry Jesmer, 4
Frankie Duran stopped Abraham Schwartz, 3
Willie Baldwin beat Steve Moyer, 6
Mike Hickman won over Dennis Mancino, 4
Frankie Suarez stopped Earthy Ellis, 4
Ricky Weigel beat Richard Abbot, 6
Chon Arias halted Henry Hearns, 6
Chon Arias halted Henry Hearns, 3
Pedro Torres halted Adlolfo Rivas, 1
Alfredo Naveiras whipped Francisco Rodriguez, 12
(Spanish Middleweight Title)
Basil Meintjies won over Gert Pienaar, 4
Anton Retief beat Jan Espag, 4

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Magashi Kudo whipped Minoru Onu, 12
Charlie Weir halted Mike Hallacy, 9
Senan Mannion halted Tommy Pyke, 1
Ben Sanchez beat Reinaldo Olivera, 8
Danny Vescovic and Willie Bermudez drew, 6
Kid Polack halted Donnie London, 3
Manny Gonzales beat Eugene White, 4
Ricky Weigel beat Ted Sanders, 6
Oscar Rios halted Raul Flores, 2
Steve Delgado halted Mario Neri, 3
Damiano Lassandro halted Clemente Gessi, 2
(Italian Jr. Middleweight Title)
Luigi Minchillo halted Jorge Martins, 1
Alvaro Scarpelli stopped Chaed Ringo, 3
Robert Donaldson won over Zacharia Makolomakoe, 6

WELTERWEIGHTS

Eddie Marcelle lost to Scott Clark, 12
Ray Leonard beat Dick Eckland, 10
John Stracey stopped George Warustel, 10
Jake Jenkins and Leroy Jefferson drew, 6
C. J. Faison beat Ron Pettigrew, 6
Tyrone Wren beat Ron Pettigrew, 6
Tyrone Wren beat Gary Holmgren, 6
Victor Martinez halted Gregory Stephens, 7
Agapito Ramirez won over Larry Duran, 6
Sultan Saladin stopped Mike Lundell, 1
Berg Lee and Cisco Ortega drew, 6
Joel Carranza stopped Lalo Jose Hernandez, 4
Rudy Barro stopped Ruben Vasquez, 3
Joey Vincent halted Rony Daniels, 3
Jorgan Hansen stopped Giancarlo Barabotti, 6
Joe Figueroa whipped Larry Duran, 5
Bert Lee won over Gil Valdez, 8
Victor Martinez stopped Robert Willcot, 1
Jan Beneke halted Johnny Sham, 2
(South African Welterweight Title)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Jimmy Heair halted Jimmy Corkum, 3
Tony Petronelli beat James Montague, 10
Mark Ibanez stopped Clinton Campbell, 3
Otis Hooper kayoed Willie Williams, 2
Alfredo Carranza won over Genaro Glorio, 4, Also stopped Javier Hernandez, 5
Sammy Ayala kayoed Mike Everett, 10
Ray Barrett stopped Luis Alonzo, 2
Henry Palm stopped Ricardo Arrendondo, 5
Arturo Leon stopped Tiger Noji, 4
Eric Bonilla beat Garry Pittman, 4
Philippus Van As halted Africa Makhanya, 1
Joe Gibilisco beat Giuseppe Minotti, 8
Willem Visser beat Matin Jacobs, 4
Hardy Mileham halted Peet Van Der Westhuizen, 5
David Kambule and Simon Zondo drew, 6

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Esteban DeJesus halted Chuchu Hernandez, 2
Andrew Ganigan knocked out German Cuello, 9
Giancarlo Usai beat Rosario Sanna, 12
Herman Montes won over Jose Marin, 10
Bobby Mann beat Ray Rosa, 4
Albert Guevara stopped Willie Ray, 3
Eddie Rogers halted Don Juan Cornelius, 5
Reynaldo Zaragoza beat Jose Luis Solano, 10
Chris Rizzo halted Billy Lopez, 1
Juan Venegas won over Roy Escalante, 4
James Martinez stopped Jose Medrano, 8
Irleis Perez beat Eric Bonilla, 5
Eddie Rodgers stopped Noe Rivera, 3
Nacho Jimenez won over Rudy Hernandez, 10
Reynaldo Zaragoza halted Tony Sanchez, 2
Peet Bothma stopped Leslie Baker, 4
Sazi Xhamlashe halted Edward Turner, 3
Andrew Ganigan kayoed Ignacio Campos, 6

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Arturo Leoan halted Tiger Noji, 4
Juan Malvarez beat Manuel Almada, 10
Cyclone Malo Fale won over Fili Ramierez, 6, also whipped Mario Manrique, 5
Conrado Martin stopped Francis Grullon, 2, also stopped Tino Savea, 1
Miguel Meza won over Jose Resendiz, 10
Jose Rodriguez halted Roberto Cervantes, 5
Bobby Vascocu beat John Morgan, 10
Alphonzo Doninguez kayoed George Gonzales, 2
Roberto Castanon halted Roland Cazeaux, 2
Jose Rodriguez beat Juan La Porte, 6
Malo Fale beat Virgilio Legaspi, 6
Jannie Landman beat Reginald Peters, 4
Colin Powers halted Jean Baptiste Piedvache, 11
(European Jr. Featherweight Title)
Leo Scorza whipped Antonio Germano, 6

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Cecilio Lastra halted Heleno Ferreira, 1
Richard Rozelle was stopped by Lupe Pintor, 6
Roberto Castanon stopped Albert Amatler, 5
Eusebio Pedroza knocked out Ernesto Herrera, 12
(WBA Featherweight Title)
David Ramahlo beat Jimmy Farrell, 12
Bobby Everett beat Joe McFarline, 6
Derrick Holmes stopped Jimmie Jones, 3
Lorenzo Ramirez beat Alfonso Delgadillo, 4
Ruben Castillo beat Jesus Hernandez, 10
Kid Meza stopped Pascual Villarreal, 2
Jose Claudio was kayoed by Daniel Patino, 2
Ernesto Rios stopped Danny Ocampo, 6
Jorge Garcia whipped Lorenzo Ramirez, 4
Roberto Qunitanilla, stopped Harrison Kiger, 8
Gary Dale Swinney beat Roel Alonzo, 4
Juan Ramos and Alfonso Delgadillo drew, 4
Albert Daviala halted Manny Vasquez, 6
Earl Large won over James Martinez, 12
Koji Kunishige won over Yuki Segawa via knockout, 10
Spider Nemoto beat Yoshinori Kayama, 10
Mariano Rodriguez beat Fernando Bernardez, 12
(Spanish Featherweight Title)

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alfredo Mulas and Franco Zurlo drew, 15
(European Bantamweight Title)
Enrique Sanchez halted Lazaro Fabian, 3
Lupe Pintor stopped Richard Rozelle, 6
Alberto Davila kayo'd Manny Vasquez, 6
Leo Cruz halted Cuban Kid, 2
Alberto Sandoval stopped Freddie Gonzalez, 1
Leo Randolph halted Alphonso Delgadillo, 2
Jorge Garcia stopped Juan Ramos, 2
Alonso Gonzales halted Eleazar Soto Ramos, 3
Pee Man Jones lost to Eleoncio Mercedes, 6
Mario Chavez halted Raul Ochaoa, 7
Pee Man Jones beat Alfonso Delgadillo, 6
Alfredo Torres was halted by Fernando Hernandez, 4
Franco Zurlo and Alfredo Mulas Drew, 15
(European Bantamweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Lucio Garcia won over Calvin Sheppard, 10
Manolo Carrasco beat Nessim Zebilini, 8
Pepitone Gonzalez halted Manolin Jimenez, 7
Ovidio Zapata stopped Radames Ventura, 1
Filippo Belvedere beat Altero Marini, 6
Shigeo Nakajima won over Puma Koya, 10
Monde Mpulampula and Dexter Dhlamini drew, 8
Simon Moema won over Lucas Ncetezo, 6
Thembisile Ngxingolo whipped Isaac Seripe, 4
Boy Mnyaka beat Sixuli Madondile, 4
Giovanni Camputaro won over Salvatore Laconi, 12
(Italian Flyweight Title)
Charles McGeer beat Vicky Pretorius, 12
(South African Flyweight Title)

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HOLLYWOOD LEGION

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Midget Marinez. "Golden Boy" Art Aragon was the most popular ringman of the 50s headlining at Hollywood a record twenty-five times.

Among the world championship bouts staged at the fabled stadium was the August, 1942 bantaweight title bout in which Manuel Ortiz unseated Lou Salica for the crown. On March 8, 1944, Juan Zurita of Mexico City outpounted Sammy Angott to take the N.B.A. lightweight throne in fifteen rounds. "The stadium was a beautiful place to watch a fight with every seat close to the ring. There were not structures to mar the viewing," said Henry Armstrong. "I had my last fight in Hollywood in 1945, when I retired."

Excitement ran rampant at Hollywood with some of the best brawls taking place outside the ring. There was the occasion when Al Jolson took a sock at Walter Winchell for something the columnist had written about his wife, Ruby Keeler. Hollywood Legion Stadium was the also hangout for Blinky Palermo and the late Mickey Cohen. The famed fight club fell on hardtimes during the late 50s and in 1959 was finally closed and converted into a bowling alley. Today only the memories and tumult and shouting of the fight crowd linger on.

Sept., 1978 was a memorable occasion in Hollywood when yesterday's ring heroes gathered at the defunct Hollywood Legion to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of boxing's most celebrated West Coast fight emporium!

HERMAN (KID) MONTES

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Maybe I'll fight Davis before the end of the year," said Montes. Montes has impressed gym railbirds with his hard socking punching power and ring finesse.

Herman's first fight at the Olympic Auditorium was a six rounder against Arturo Martinez and Montes' flashing power won him a kayo triumph in two rounds. In Herman's second fight he won over Rubin Martinez by the knockout route in two heats. The Pico-Rivera slugger impressed Los Angeles fight fans in his initial ten-rounder where he outslugged veteran Jose Olivares to capture the verdict in a thrilling brawl. Montes stopped Jose Rodriguez in three rounds to post his eighth knockout win in 12 starts. In his last ring engagement, at the Olympic Boxing Club, Herman whipped Jose Marin in a 10-rounder.

"Montes is going to get better as he develops his punching power and learns to get it all together. He's a little wild at times. Maybe in the near future he will be fighting tougher name opponents. We'd like to get Howard Davis in the ring and find out who is the best fighter," said manager Georgino.

Fighting runs in the Montes family since Herman's dad, Johnny, was a two-time Golden Gloves champ back in the early 1960s. Herman's kid brother, Johnny, is also a highly touted newcomer who will turn professional when he's eighteen.

Married, with a little girl, Herman (Kid) Montes impresses veteran West Coast followers with his sock power, dedication and determination. Will he develop into a ranking lightweight prospect in the future?

He's got all the natural physical attributes and he's a fighter with the killer instinct once the gong sounds. Herman is the most exciting lightweight since the great Enrique Bolanos. He's a newcomer to watch!

NAT WILLIAMS

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Concurrently, the former Columbia Vikings' (semi-pro football) halfback serves as Chairman of the Board for the Washington Black Economic Development Company, and as a member on the Board of Directors for the Greater Washington Business Center and the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity of Washington. Williams has also received numerous awards from various community and civic associations.

Married, with three children, aged twenty, seventeen, and ten, the native of Fort Motte, South Carolina graduated Dunbar High School in Washington, in 1952. He pursued undergraduate studies at Temple University in Philadelphia and Champlain and Ithican Colleges, in New York, before joining the Air Force in 1955. In 1976, he entered the University of Massachusetts, where he received a bachelor's degree of business administration the following year. He has since completed special training and management programs at Howard University, the Government Services Administration and American University.

With all that background, it's easy to see how Williams made the transition from industrial business to boxing promotion so easily. Having found his niche, it appears Nat Williams just might be the man tailored to making boxing, once again, big-time business in Washington.

And for area boxing fans, he couldn't have arrived at a better time.

BABE GRIFFIN IS STILL

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Griffin broke the Kid's jaw, so Kallas returned the compliment by breaking a couple of Babe's ribs. It was a tough way to make sure that the show went on, but it's typical of Babe Griffin because he got the job done.

These days, Mr. Boxing's biggest draw is #2 ranked welterweight Pete Ranzany, who sports a record of 37-2-1 and appears ready to challenge either Palomino or Cuevas for the title in the near future. With a guy like Babe Griffin behind him he stands a good chance to go all the way, because, even at age seventy, Babe Griffin responds to all challenges the same way that he fought. Tenaciously.

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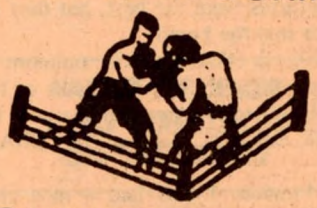

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BOXING BOOTHS

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also belongs to about half a dozen other organizations.

Darkie started as a booth fighter at the tender age of thirteen years. In his first booth contest, he told me, "I was paid one shilling and a coconut."

He recalled, "The booth I was with was an annual affair on the fairground site on the Common, at Patchet, a town near the Royal City of Windsor. This was the city made almost as famous by the boxer's bymnasium known as "the Star and Garter." But, as everyone knows, it is also the home of the British Royalty and Windsor castle. He fought in the booth operated by the Weston Brothers. "Tommy Weston, was the greatest He was my boss for many seasons and the traveling around the country is educational." said Darkie. Chuckling, he continued, "Sam Minto, was still booth boxing at seventy-years-of-age. Jack Beckett was also fighting at sixty-five. I'll not say that their stamina and reflexes were the best, but they sure put glamor into the booth.

Well, in this writer's opinion, Darkie Moore adds glamor to the ranks of the London Ex-Boxer's Association, and his pal, Charlie Edwards, historian for LEBA, thanks you.

In London, I also had a nice chat with Jack Lewis, another booth boxer, who, by today's standards, if still fighting would be in all probability a world champion. He was one of Sam McKeown's booth boxers and recalls that he stood alongside Freddie Mills, who later was destined to become a world champion. With over five hundred bouts under his belt, Jack certainly knew the business. He had the distinction of having boxed many times with Mills, and was even billed with the former champion on six occasions in regular boxing promotions away from the booth. He told me: "The fights, all ten rounders were won by Freddie, except the first, which I won. Believe me, there were no knockdowns, and we remained friends up to the late champion's death." Jack could see I was more than interested, so he continued, "I was often paired with Billy Johnson, the brother of Great Britain's leadnig 175-pounder Len Johnson, the chief rival for the then heavyweight champion Len Harvey. This was in 1930. The newly-formed British Boxing Board of Control (1929) would not allow a black boxer to fight for British titles." Jack then related how he fought the famous Jackie "Kid" Berg when the former world junior welter champion outgrew his 140-poundage.

"When we worked in the booth," Jack told me, "we were paid a small wage. Most booths had their own methods of payment, but it was a little more than the average factory worker received in those tough days, and remember, most of us booth fighters had no skills and not too much of an education." At this point, I asked Jack if the crowd would ever throw money (known as nobbins in the club shows) if they enjoyed a particular fight? "Well, it's like this," Jack told me, "The Master of Ceremonies, or the booth owner would call to the crowd about the wonderful fight they had just seen and would they show their generous appreciation. At this time, the hats were passed around. We all shared in the proceeds."

Jack Lewis, a most remarkable man for his age. He certainly suffered no brain damage from all the hundreds of fights he had had. He was alert and his memory was excellent. He told me that when at smaller village locations, it was always profitable on the villagers pay days to "have a special attraction," to draw the crowds. A ten round (two minute rounds) fight was staged by the booth and there was usually a Gee. That's a man who is planted in the crowd by the booth owner, usually a local fighter of note. When the crowd hears him challenge the booth fighter, they immediately respond and the tent is filled to capacity. Eventually, Jack Lewis left the booths to try his luck on the genuine pro-circuits. He fought many well known fighters and finalized his career when he lost to Vince Hawkins, who became the British middleweight champion shortly afterwards. One of the most famous, yet youngest, booth fighters, was Schoolboy Pat "Nipper" Daly. This is the same fighter who later, at the age of sixteen, fought the great Johnny Cuthbert, the featherweight champion of Britain.

Nipper started boxing in Jimmy Butlers' booth, which was located at Lea Bridge Road in the East End section of London. He was barely thirteen years old. Nipper had the same physique as the former great world flyweight champion, Jimmy Wilde. He looked innocent, but when in the ring he became a tiger. He could summon tremendous power that knocked out opponents twice as big, and he did it quickly. When Nipper was employed at the booth in Tags Island, Hampton Court, London. the famous American middleweight champion of the world, Mickey "Toy Bulldog" Walker visited the city. He had heard of this incredible youngster and he went to the booth and asked Nipper to spar with him. This occurred on the August Bank Holiday of 1927. Daly sparred three rounds and Walker told the press who accompanied him that "if this tough English kid would go to the States, he would be champion within one year."

ONE of the best Gee's in the booth business was Ronnie Lush. He was a good boxer, but he found out that being a Gee, was easy and the money was more assessable than in regular type pro bouts. He was formerly managed by Jack Burns and trained by Billy Fox. He had engaged in over four hundred Gee bouts. With one London boxer alone, he had sixty-five Gee bouts and this boxer was Johnny Cunningham, one of the rare breed of East End fighters. Johnny hailed from Bethnal Green and became a firm fight favorite and had the distinction of having a large female fan club. Ronnie Lush also met many other well known British fighters, like Joe Brown of Poplar (London), Mick Carney of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and a great friend of this writer, a former stablemate when I fought in England, Kenny Green of Croydon, a contender for British honors, Tug Wilson of Southall and Harry Brooks of Algate, both London boroughs.

THE boxing booth, with its entourage, would set up its tent and its boxing ring in a different town usually every other week. New faces appeared at the booth constantly. Ron Taylor's booth was traveling Wales. The mining towns were a great source of talent. "Tommy Farr joined my booth as a welterweight," recalled Ron Taylor. "He called himself Kid Farr. We also had two good fighters with us in the Moody brothers, Frank and Glen. Also had a great little Jewish boy from Scotland, his name was Vic Herman. He worked in the booth just before leaving for Tokyo to fight Yoshio Snarai, the world champion. When he returned from that fight, he rejoined the booth."

Even in the booths, gimmicks are created to promote attendance. At Taylor's booth, lined up with the boxers behind Ron, was Rob Roy McGregor, resplendant in his complete Scottish wardrobe, with kilt, bonnet, cloak, and sporam, on the other end of the line was the menacing "The Masked Man," arms folded. He just kept straight and still. Yes, Ron Taylor is still talking about the visit to his booth by Muhammad Ali.

Another boxing booth that has made its mark is the Alf Stewarts boxing booth, which has one of the most ornamental and elaborate frontal approach. Alf Stewart was famed for his booth fighters who hailed from European countries, not just the British Isles.

The Bob Parkin booth was certainly an elaborate and extremely effective booth. The paintings on this booth would all be worthy as collector's items and probably worth a considerable amount of money. On all booths, the color is rich and the figures of the boxers are fabulous likenesses and beautifully and artistically painted.

LAST May, I had a good opportunity to speak with Ray Clarke, the General Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control. We were both at Ringside for the return to the Ring of former WBC welter champion John H. Stracey. Mr. Clarke told me that "under no circumstances will boxers licensed by the BBB of C be allowed to participate in any type of boxing as performed in a boxing booth. There was an effort at one time to license the boxing booth personnel, under the format of the Showman's Guild, but this seems to have fallen by the wayside."

He continued "An effort was made by the Showman's Guild to unionize booths and its boxers. The Guild wanted to split the country into regions, with the then remaining

booth operators such as E. Gage and Son, Mick Kiely, P. McKeowen, Mrs. E. McKeowen and Sons, John Smith, Henry Wood, Ron Taylor, among others, and regulate them." So said the boxing chief of Britain.

This bite by the Showmans Guild into this purely private enterprise and fistic democracy soon received a knockout.

PROMOTER Ron Gray regularly stages professional boxing at Wolverhampton, Civic and Dudley Town Halls. He and his father gained their pro experience as boxers in a boxing booth. They were employed by the Ron Taylor booth. Johnny Melfah was one of the fighters with me "He would have been a champion if he had not been killed in a road accident," said Gray.

Yes. The excitement of a fairground boxing booth, the glamor of the boxers, the enterprising proprietors, the amazing stories that the veteran fighters recalled, are soon to be extinct. With the advent of television came the downfall of the booth. As was stated by Ron Taylor—"The booths have been in my family since 1880, but I will be the last proprietor. You can't get the boys today. It gets tougher every year. But, I'll keep trying as long as I can. It's in my blood."

With people such as Ron Taylor, perhaps the booths may get a new lease of life and get a permanent place in a circus on a rent-free basis such as Billy Smart, or perhaps the British government should ensure this "Way of Life" be protected because—after all—England is the place which modern boxing orginated and which is regarded as "The cradle of boxing."

ALLEY CLUB

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ten rounds. In 1933, Corbett lost the title in a spectacular one round knockout loss to Jimmy McLarnin in Wrigley Field, Los Angeles.

Perhaps the most prestigious event in the history of the club will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, when former heavyweight king Joe Louis is honored and inducted into Boxing's Hall of Fame. Louis defended the title a record twenty-five times and remained champion for almost twelve years, until he retired in 1951 following a knockout loss to the late Rocky Marciano.

One of the highlights in the hilarious weekly luncheons of the Cauliflower Alley gang is the presentation of the coveted "Laugh to Win Award" to a former prizefighter turned movie actor. Past recipients of the award have been George Raft, James Cagney, Rory Calhoun, Jack Palance and the late Robert Ryan. Superstar actor Charles Bronson was honored with the Cauliflower Ear Award on June 30, 1976.

Club president Mike Mazurki and executive director Marshall Wright have announced plans to inaugurate a West Coast Boxing and Wrestling Museum in Hollywood. Memorabilia will include the personal collections of club members Lou Nova, Gorilla Jones, Mushy Callahan, Jimmy McLarnin, Everett Sanders, Johnny Dubliss and Marshall Wright.

Among the colorful former prize-fighters who are club members are 83 year old Phil Bloom who fought Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler and Jack Britton. Also Georgie Levine a top welterweight of the 20s who tangled with Pete Latzo for the title in 1927. Colorful former boxer Kid Chissell is the master of ceremonies in the weekly club luncheons.

The future Cauliflower Alley Club social calender will feature the International Hall of Fame induction of Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Young Corbett III and Mickey Walker. Boxing's legendary heroes illuminate the membership of Cauliflower Alley gang. Where every member is a champion in hilarity, laughts and humor. Cauliflower Alley Club is the most unique sports fraternity in existence!

CLARK UPSETS MARCELLE

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Marcelle during the last two rounds.

"We completely fooled him because he thought Scotty was going to try and stay away and preserve his lead," said Polo. "Instead, Scott walked right through him and there was nothing he could do."

Judges Bob Burns and Tony Palermo scored the bout 116-114 and 116-115 for Clark, respectively, while Judge Frank Skilbred saw Marcelle a 117-112 winner, a call that shocked just about all of the 2,084 in attendance. It would have been understandable had Skilbred given Marcelle the nod by a slim margin, but his call was totally off, as neither fighter had run away with the bout. This reporter had Clark a 117-115 winner.

Prelims: Curtis Gaskins, 205, Lakeland, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over Eugene Idlette, 198, Vero Beach; and middleweight James Salerno, 165, Orlando, took a six-round unanimous verdict over Willie Goodman, 170, Eustis.

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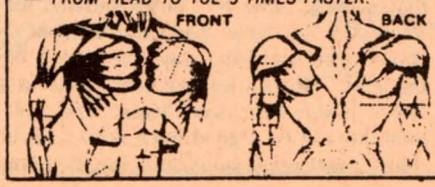

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PRO BOXING BACK IN HATTIESBURG

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fighters to appear on the same card. This was the first time a major boxing event of this kind was ever held at a major university anywhere and it was felt that if it was a success, there was no telling that a new trend might start. However, this writer was a bad doctor because the patients died before they reached the Coliseum.

The few fans had nothing to complain about. Nobody is going to go anywhere and find better fights than what they saw. The fans got their money's worth and the fights were better than many you will see on CBS or ABC.

There were no fighters brought in as "opponents" or "you haul, we fall" types. Pre-fight crowd estimates had ranged up to 7,000 but more than 8,000 printed and unused tickets were discarded.

Chet Gardner, a highly respected and popular Hattiesburg boxing figure who served as a referee, put it this way. "Well, I guess we had our chance to see pro boxing at its best in Hattiesburg, our only chance." As one local sportswriter, Rick Cleveland, put it, "Hattiesburg wouldn't support a free hanging."

It was really too bad if you're a boxing fan, because it was a good show. In the ten-round main event, 26-year-old World's eighth ranked junior welterweight, red-headed Jimmy Heair, 140, Houston, Miss., won his nineteenth in a row and ran his pro record to 76-12-1, by stopping talented New Englander Irish Jimmy Corkum, 139, Brockton, Mass., now 32-1, in 1:21 of the third canto due to a severe cut below the left eye. The brawl was not as easy as it would appear. Heair and Corkum went at it with gusto from the start.

Don't think you've heard the last of young Jimmy Corkum. He is as much a fighter for eighteen years of age as you'll ever see. Corkum possesses lightning speed, quick hands, power and does he ever have heart. The gutsy young brawler weathered two first-round knockdowns and appeared to be getting stronger when the fight was halted.

Corkum was the aggressor from the beginning. His left jab stung Heair several times and he landed a lot of punches in opening up a small cut over Heair's right eye before he himself suffered a reopening of a three-month old inch-and-a-half long cut. Unfortunately, for Corkum, the ugly gash brought an abrupt ending to an apparent "donnybrook."

About two minutes into the first stanza, with the youngster in control, Heair suddenly shot over a left hook to Corkum's face that hurt. Soon afterwards, another left and punishing right dropped Corkum in his corner. He was up at the count of 6 and ready to battle again before another combination dropped him just before the bell sounded.

In the second canto, Corkum again became the aggressor with his snappy jabs and hard left hooks that continually rocked Heair. A small cut opened just over Heair's right eyebrow, but it wasn't bleeding. Midway into the round, Heair got through Corkum's defenses and stung him with a big left hook that opened the cut.

In the third round Heair opened the cut even wider with another left hook that landed squarely on the cut. When blood started pouring out like a faucet, Dr. King, along with Corkum's very astute manager, 32-year-old Vinnie Vecchione, signaled referee Chet Gardner to halt the exciting scrap. There was no sense letting a kid with a promising future like Jimmy Corkum risk his career.

Heair, a world class fighter, has received tremendous press support and it has paid off since, most likely, we'll either be watching him fight for the world title or fighting lightweight champion Roberto Duran on TV.

The main event was not the only good match of the night; the other four bouts were equally outstanding.

In the co-feature ten-rounder, Gaby "Bulldog" Cantera, 125, San Antonio, Tex., ran his pro record to 23-4, in displaying some awesome fire power as he blitzed gamester Earl Wilson, 121, Memphis, Tenn., now 11-4, in 2:53 of the third round.

Wilson apparently in the lead pointwise at the time, was poleaxed by a terrific overhand right to the forehead which dropped Wilson like a sack of potatoes flat on his back in Cantera's corner. Wilson, as game as they come, struggled just barely to beat the count and managed to box his way into his own corner on rubbery wheels. Seconds later, a fired up Cantera, sensing the kill, trapped him against the ropes and was all over him landing a number of hard lefts and rights before the ref stepped in and kept Wilson from being seriously injured. One more punch and Wilson might have been sent to the hospital.

In the eight-round heavyweight semifinal, "Big" Walter Santemore, 204, New Orleans, La., 7-3-1, who had lost twice to U.S. Olympic entrant "Big" John Tate, ended the unbeaten career of rugged Victor Rodriguez, 205, San Antonio, Tex., now 6-1, by coping a unanimous decision. Rodriguez could not get inside on the much taller Santemore and never got a chance to show his punching skill that had brought him through his first six fights unbeaten, winning all by KO.

In a scheduled six-round welterweight "pier six brawl," which had the sparse crowd on their feet screaming, Greenville sensation and idle, Rocky McCollum, 145, may have won more than he lost in losing a split decision to a superbly conditioned Joe "The Mad Monk" Escalante, 145, San Antonion, Tex., now 4-1. In losing, McCollum impressed the New York and Boston fight people who loved the way "he took it from the stret." Rocky has the same style as the 'Rock' from Brockton, Mass. The experts think he will be a good draw anywhere; he's colorful and never stops throwing the bombs. The rock 'em, sock 'em belter just simply ran out of gas against a well schooled body puncher in a coming prospect in Escalante, who is also a fine prospect. McCollum turned pro last February and is now 4-1. However, he had 189 amateur bouts, and is yet to be knocked down or stopped in the ring. The Mexican fighters came out of the very fine stable of the most knowledgeable and capable manager, Tony Ayala. Ayala's outstanding trainer, the former top New England amateur featherweight star, New Bedfordite, Joey Souza, was responsible for the excellent condition and performance of these fighters. Souza deserves a lot of credit and has over twenty-six years of boxing savvy . . . Where has he been hiding?

In the six-round curtain raiser, Memphian lightweight favorite Simmie Black, 136, who is always on call, won his third fight in a row by knocking out durable Ricardo Garcia, 137, San Antonio, Tex. in 1:58 of the second round. After being down three times in the first round from smashing right hands to the head, Garcia never had a chance after that first round flurry and it was just a matter of time before Black caught up with him.

Black found Garcia a minute-and-half into the second round. Several body punches and a clean right to the jaw put Garcia down for the 4th time for keeps.

Perhaps it was the last glimpse of professional boxing Hattiesburg will ever have, but at least those people who did show up got a good show for their money.

ORIENT ACTION

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heats. In the first tenner, Ed Clementes, 111½, unanimously decisioned Eufronio Payod, 112 pounds, in a good contest.

▲**GEN SANTOS CITY** — In a card of a triple tenner promoted by Casim Jumani, Filipino junior flyweight champ siony Carupo, 108¾, defeated Andy Balaba, two pounds lighter, by a majority nod in ten non-title frames. Lightweight Art Galula was a unanimous points victor over William Gotera in ten. Each scaled in at 139 pounds. Welter hombre Peter Piamonte, 150, and Jun Sarana, 149, battled to a majority draw in ten frames.

▲**BALAGTAS** — Philippines welterweight champ Gideon Toyogon, 146½, extended his rather long reign, since December of 1976, as he beat Noli Galicha, one pound lighter, via a unanimous decision in 12 rounds.

In a semi-final, Eddie Galler, 115, was held to a majority draw by Rolando Rosuento, 116½, in ten.

▲**SAN JOSE CITY** — Young Frankie, 128, proved no match for Eddie Camero, who copped a unanimous verdict in ten rounds.

▲**MANILA** — A dual twelve-rounder resulted in good victories for Filipino fighters over Thai newcomers. The card was promoted by Lope Sarreal, Jr.

Ex-national champ Leo Viajedor, 132, scored an impressive third round TKO from Nunthabureng Leadbandkeye, Thai feather titlist at 131 pounds, in the third session.

Arnel Arrezal, 114, stopped Chaiyong Muangsurin, from Bangkok and half a pound lighter, in the tenth round.

Veteran Armando Boniquit, 148½, dropped a unanimous decision to Ibrahim Muhammad, 150, in a supporting ten.

▲**PASAY CITY** — Top lightweight contender Mar Simbajon, 134, decked a victory from ex-Orient boss Fred Pastor, 136, n 10 heats. Jimmy Abarga, 135, halted Resty Boniquit, one pound heavier, in the second session of a scheduled ten.

▲**CAG. DE ORO CITY** — Rising bantie Billy Abato, 115, wrested Filipino bantamweight title from Mario Odias in twelve unanimous rounds. The dethroned champ weighed in at 117 pounds.

In a supporting ten, Robinson Abato, 114, technically stopped Ben Aydtud, 119, in the fifth round.

Chris Espinosa, 118½, was defeated by Bill Abrogar, 118½, osing a unanimous decision in ten.

Little Carupo, 107, scored a unanimous decision from Marin Sajonia, 110, in ten.

▲**OZAMIS CITY** — Roldan Jumuad, 133, won from Keysone Flash, 133 pounds, by a split duke in ten rounds on a card promoted by Alex Levnes, Jr.

▲**ILOILO** — Elmer Arriesgado, 123, stopped Rey Cellano, also 123, in the ninth round.

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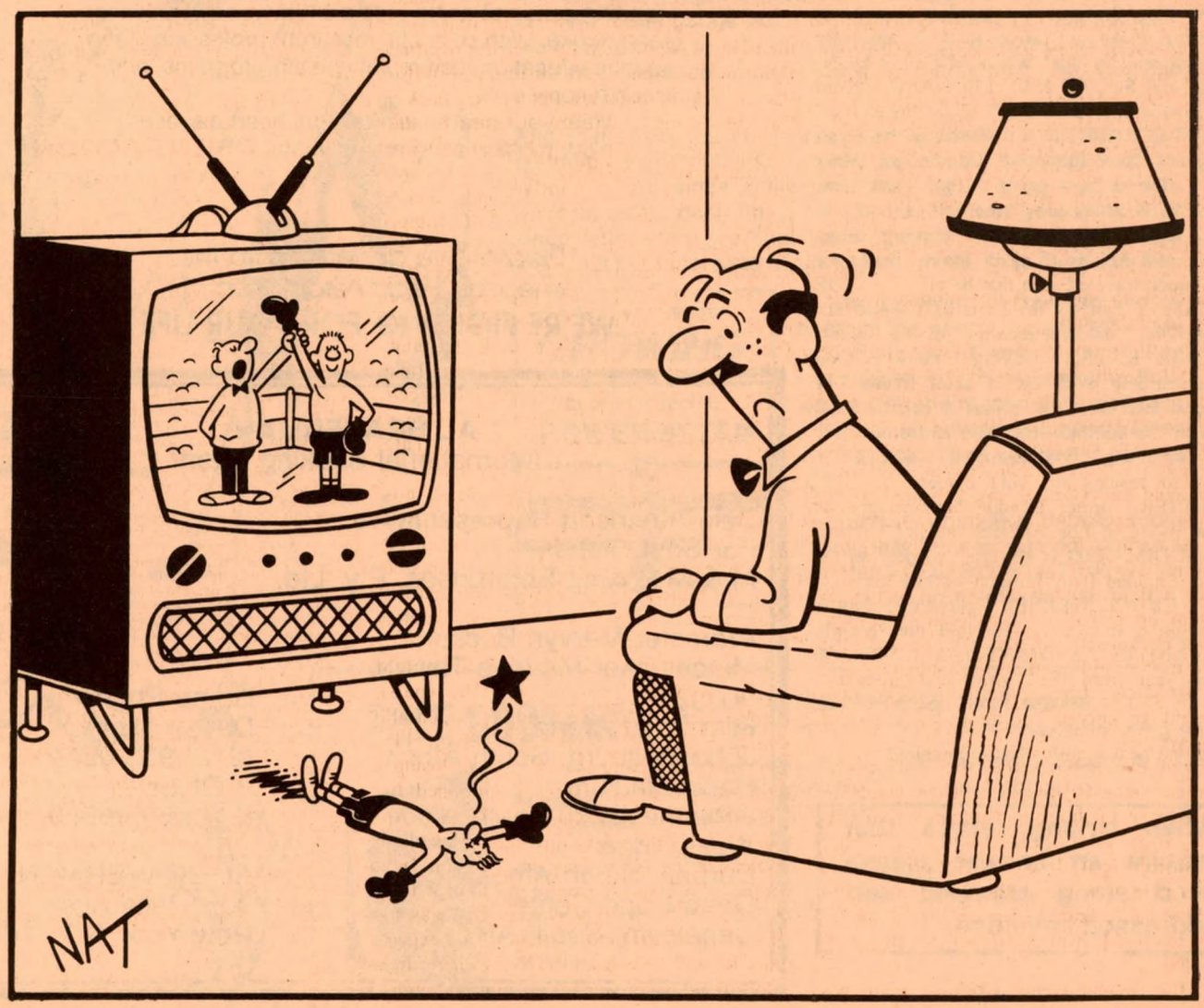

"SAILOR" SAUER

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Chicago— . . . . . RUBEN OLIVARES had to turn down a couple of fights —he is way out of shape . . . . Longtime fight manager, TRAVIS HATFIELD died in Las Vegas . . . . among many others he had "IRISH" BOB MURPHY—he was always a gentleman . . . Might well be that the attack of hepatitis to former champ, JOE FRAZIER ended any aspirations he might have had of coming back at all . . hmaybe it is all for the better—JOE is an active businessman, naand he has given enough to the ring-game—he deserves the rest and permanant retirement—I don't want to see this guy hurt or punched around, as happens to so many others, JOE is too nice a guy for that—BILLY BACKUS was paid $25,000 for his bout with PEPINO CUEVAS in which CUEVAS stopped BACKUS in Los Angeles . . . CUEVAS took down $150,000 . . . . . It's going to take a darn good jr. Midleweight to beat ROCKY MATTIOLO—this guy can fight and has the experience . . . . TONY CHIAVERINI is back winning big—after his loss to BENNIE BRISCOE—CHIAVERINI will get back, I am sure—TONY is Mr. Boxing in the mid west—hes destined for stardom, one loss doesn't make a career—and I am sure TONY realizes this! When ANGELO DUNDEE and SUGAR RAY LEONARD arrived in Boston for their match with "local lite" DICK ECKLUND, they stayed at the Hyatt Regency in neighboring Cambridge, Mass . . . These guys travel "first class" indeed!!!. Nice spending time with this classy pair again—LEONATD is coming along fine—and ANGELO never looked better for the much traveled man that he is . . . . JOE GRAMBY episltes from PHILLY—also encloses the "medical records" of his fighter, RICHIE KATES. . saying "there is nod demonstrable evidence of skull fracture or sutural disastasis—the pineal is calcified and lies in the midline—the sella is normal. Nor erosive changes are identified"—KATES is o.k. to resume his ring career . . . JOE BUGNER, former London heavyweight, is now living in Los Anglees making movies. DOM DIMARZO is a bright prospect on the New England fistic horizon—I like his style . . . CHUCK WEPNER figures wrestling is where the money is—He told me recently the ANDRE the GIANT makes $400,000 each year from the "grunt and groaners" . . . well, CHUCK, you gave it one shot—give it another.

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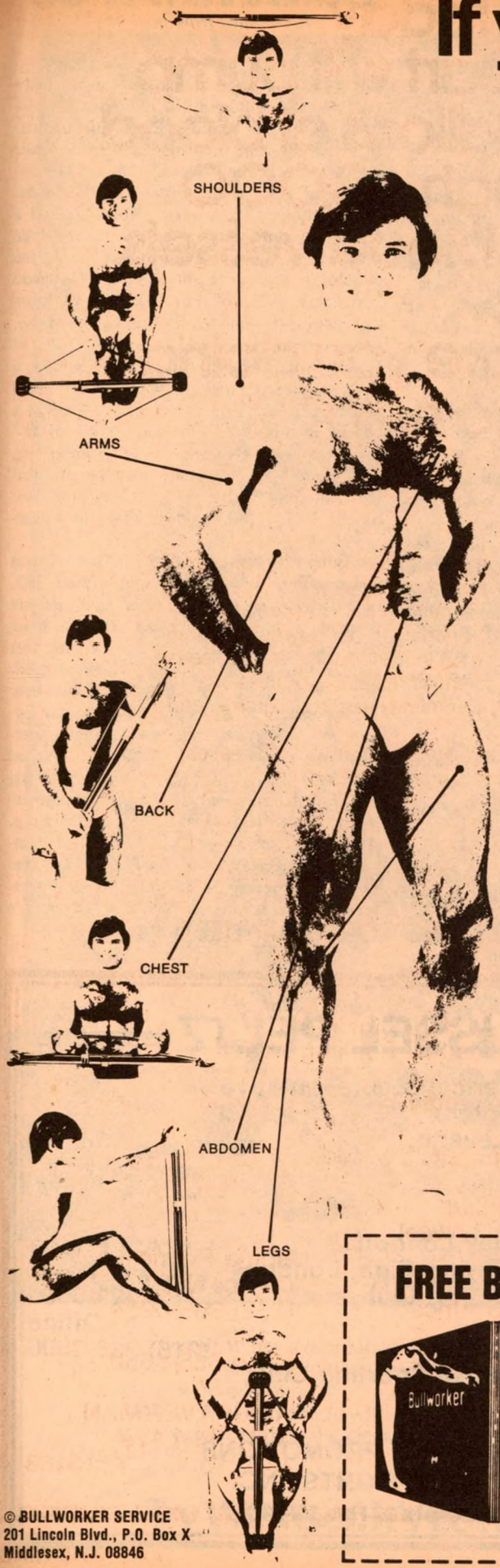

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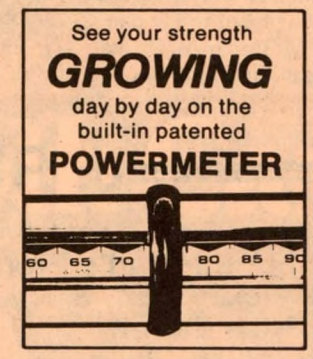

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JOE GANS

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Stern wanted a title match with Gans and Joe promised him one, if he defeated Lenny. Lenny and Stern fought to a fifteen round draw in Baltimore and with the decision went his chances for the title match. (Incidentally, Lenny and Stern each received twenty dollars for the bout). In Goldfield, Nevada, Sept., 1906, Joe Gans and Battling Nelson fought a title match which ended with Gans winning on a foul in the forty-second round. Making his debut as a big time promoter was the one and only Tex Rickard. He gave them a purse of thirty four thousand dollars—23,000 went to Nelson and Gans, the champion received a paltry 11,000 dollars! The fight took place under a blistering sun at three o'clock in the afternoon. They drew a record gate of close to seventy thousand dollars.

Gans, who was having trouble making the class limit of 133 pounds (the limit at the time) worked himself sick, drying out, and then going 42 rounds. He became sick afterwards, developing tuberculosis, and was never the same magnificent fighting specimen again.

Two years later, he lost his title to Nelson. In the first six rounds Joe battered Nelson from pillar to post. But as the fight progressed, his strength sapped, and the Durable Dane came on to win in the seventeenth round. It was amazing that a man suffering from an advanced case of T.B. could stand the pace. He knew he didn't have too long to live, but Joe didn't ask for sympathy or benefits. He had his manager arrange a third meeting with Nelson, so that he could leave a little nest egg for his family.

This time the fight lasted till the twenty-first round before Gans fell under Nelson's vicious body punishment. Amazingly, Joe was ahead going into the twentieth round! Six months later he fought once more, his last bout, outclassing one of England's best lightweights, Jabez White, in a ten round fight in N.Y.C. He then retired. The date was March 12, 1909. One year later, on Aug. 10, 1910, he was dead.

In 156 bouts, he lost but three decisions and was stopped five times. He was elected to the Hall of Fame.

There is a bronze statue of a great looking fighter as you enter the new Madison Square Garden. The statue is of Gans.

A name to remember, JOE GANS.

WORLD RATINGS

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won over Rosario Sanna, and it moved to two from five. Watkins moved down to nine, Lira, win over Ganigan to seven, Fernandez from eight to three, beat Arguello.

The changes among the junior lights welters, as did the rest of the division.

The changes among the junior lights are Arturo Leon, who climbed from six to four, a win over Tiger Noji; both Limon and Seeley fell a spot, inactive. Malvarez up one with win over Alvarda Vezzoli who dropped down one due to a draw. Escalera and Baltzar up a spot each as Arguello falls to third.

W.B.A. feather king Eusebio Pedroza, remained number two and another runner-up for this months fight of the month honors, with a 12 round knockout over Ernesto Herrera in a WBA title bout. The number three man is now Wilfredo Gomez, P.R., who moved out of the bantams into the feathers and is no longer the U.S. bantam champion. That title is now vacant. Leo Cruz moved out of the bantam into the feathers and the Dominican Rep. boxer is now eight. Others who moved into the featherweight class are Lastra and Castillo, both scoring wins. Up to four goes Castillo and five Lastra. Breaking back into the division is Spain's Roberto Gastanon, E.B.U. king, who defeated Albert Aather; Mike Ayala is dropped inactive.

Former top ranked flyweight and U.S. champion Al Sandoval is now number two in the bantamweights and is no longer the U.S. champion. His title is vacant. Luke Pentor, Mexico, moved up to number three. He halted Richard Rozelle in six. Rozelle is now ranked in the bantams instead of the featherweights. He is four. Zurlo dropped to fifth on a draw with Alfredo Mulas, E.B.U. title. Alfredo moved into the top ten, number nine. Alberto Davila won over Manny Vasquez, which put him into the six spot, up from nine. Ferreira fell from the top ten to make room for Mulas.

WBC jr. flyweight king Netrnoi Vorasinghi decided not to retire and is now back in his old spot, number three among the world flyweights. He replaces Sandoval, who moved up to the bantams.

Only one change in the heavys. Duane Bobick, who has been inactive since March, is replaced in the rankings by South America king Domingo D'Elia, Argentina. Domingo beat Luis Pires for the title in his last time out.

LEONARD BEATS EKLUND

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battlers exchanging vicious shots to the body and head throughout. In another contest slated for eight rounds, Roosevelt Brown, 180, of Boston, on the comeback trail, stopped Joe Pagan Rivera, 175, of Lowell, Mass., at 1:36 of the fifth round when the referee stopped the contest. Rivera lacked a desire for combat, this was evident from the start. He was down several times during the match. In another eight rounder, Fernando Fernandez, 148, of Pawtucket, R.I., from the Petronelli stable in Brockton, Mass., gave veteran Irish Beau Jaynes, 151, of Lowell, Mass., brother-in-law of Ecklund, a good paint job, sticking with his left hand and scoring with rights. Jaynes never had a chance in this one — he was "tailor-made" for Fernandez — who seems to be improving with each fight. He could well be the next fistic luminary from the fast growing Petronelli A.C. . . . headed by Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Young Charles Cox, 230, of Boston, was a unanimous winner over Sam Miller, 192, of New Haven, Conn., in a lackluste six rounder. A ten round match, after the main bout had Tommy Rose, 137½, a winner over veteran George Fakaris, 145, of Brentwood, N.Y. Most of the crowd had left by then. The promoter of this card, Ferriabough Enterprises, Inc., is headed by Douglas Ferriabough, who is a native Bostonian, married with two daughters and is an avid boxing fan. Marsha and Ludwig Alban are partners in the Brookline, Mass., firm of Feinberg, Alban and Alban — both accomplished attorney's in Boston. Marsha is treasurer, and Ludwig is secretary of Ferriabough Enterprises. No question about it — it was a "class promotion" all the way.

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